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TO ET QVINTO HENRI-
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Actes made in the session of
this present parliament holden upon prologa-
tion at westm the. XXII. day of January in the
XXXIIII. yere of the reign of our most dread soue-
raine lord Henry the eighth by the grace of god
kyng of England Fraunce and Irelande/be-
fendour of the fayth/and of the church of
England and also of Irelande in earth
the supreme head / & there continu-
ed and kepte tyl the. XII. daye of
May in the. XXXV. yere of
our sayd souerayne lord
to the honour of god/
and for the common
weale and profit
of this his
realme.

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for the abolishment of the contrary. Cap. i.



Where the kynges most royal maiesty / our grati-
ous and naturall soueraigne liege lord, supreme head of the
churche of Englang, and also of Ireland, and his honoura-
ble counsaile, percepueth the ignoraunce, sonde opinions,
errours, and blyndnes of dyuers and sundry his subiectes
of this his realme, in abusynge, and not obseruynge, nor fo-
lowynge the commaundmentes, pzeceptes, and lawes of almighty god, nor
the very true and perfect religion of Christ, not withstandinge suche hole-
some doctrine, and documentes as his maiestie hath heretofore caused to
be set forth for that purpose, besydes the great lybertie graunted to them,
in haupynge amonges them, & in theyr handes the newe and olde testament,
whiche not withstanding many seditious people, arrogant and ignorant
persons, wherof some pzetendynge to be lerned, and to haue the perfite, and
true knowlege, vnderstanding, and iudgement of the sacred, and holy scrip-
tures, and some others of their pteruerse, frowarde and malicious myndes,
wylles and intentes, entendynge to subuerthe the veray true and perfecte ex-
position, doctrine, and declaration of the sayd scripture, after their pteruers
fantasies: haue taken vpon them, not onely to pzeache, teache, declare,
and set forth the same by wordes, sermons, disputations, and argumentes,
but also by pynnted bookes, pynnted balades, playes, rymes, songes, and o-
ther phantasies, subtilly and craftely instructing his highnes people, and
specially the yowthe of this his realme vntreuely, & otherwise than the scrip-
ture ought or shulde be taught, declared, or expounded, and contrary to the
veray sincere, and godly meanynge of the same. wherupon diuersitie of o-
pinions, saynges, variaunces, argumentes, tumultes, and scismes haue
ben sprong and arisen amonges his sayd subiectes, within this his realme,
to the great inquietation of his sayde people, and great displeasure of his
maiestie, and contrary to his graces true meanynge, good intention, and
most godly purpose.

For reformation wherof, his maiestie most vertuously, and prudently
considereth, and thinketh that it is, and shalbe most requisite, expedient and
necessary, not onely by lawes dyedfull and penall, so take away, purge, and
clense this his highnes realme, territories, confines, dominions, and coun-
treys, of al iuche bookes, wytinges, sermons, disputations, argumentes,
balades, playes, rymes, songes, teachynge and instructions, as be pestife-
rous, and noysome, with all the causes, instrumentes, and meanes of the
same: But also to ordeine and establishe a certayne fourme of pure and sin-
cere teachynge, agreeable with goddes worde, and the true doctrine of the
catholyke and apostolyke churche, wherunto men may haue recourse for
the true decison of some suche controuersies as haue in tymes past and yet

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do happen and use amonges them. And therefore be it enacted, ordeyned, and establisshed, by our sayd souerayne lord the kyng, the lordes spirituall and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that all maner of booke of the olde and newe testament in englysh, being of the crafty, false, and untrue translation of Tyndal, and all other booke and wytynges in the englyshe tongue, teaching o: compyllyng any matters of chrysten religion, articles of the fayth, o: holy scripture, o: any part of them, contrary to that doctrine, which shal be the pte of our lord. *H. 8. xl. is.* o: any tyme durynge the kynges maiesties lyfe, our sayd soueraigne lord that now is, kyng Henry the. viii. whiche our lord longe preserve, shalbe set forth by his highnes, with suche superscription and subscription, as hereafter shal be declared, shalbe by auctoritie of this present act clerely and vnterly abolished, extingwished, and forbiddyn, to be kepte o: used in this realme, o: elles where in any the kynges dominions.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any printer, booke bynder, booke seller, o: any other person o: persons, shal after the fyrste day of July nexte ensuyng, prynte o: cause to be prynted, o: utter sell geue o: deliuer within this realme o: els where within any the kynges dominions, any of the booke o: wytynges aforesaid abolished o: prohibited, o: play in enteludes, syng o: tyme, any matter contrary to the said doctrine, whiche shal be the sayd pte of our lord. *H. 8. xl. is.* o: at any tyme (as is aforesaid) shal be set forth by the kynges maiestie, our sayde souerayne lord that now is, and be of any of the offences aforesaid convicted, by sufficient witnes, before any two of the kynges counsaile, o: the ordinary of the diocesse, where any suche offence shalbe committed, and two Justices of peace of the same shire, where any suche ordinary shal lytte within his diocesse for that purpose, o: before any other person o: persons, whome for this purpose the kynges maiestie shal appoint by his highnes commission, shal haue and suffer, for the fyrst tyme, imprisonment of his body for thre monethes, and also lose and forsaite for every suche booke o: wytyng, prynted, uttered, solde, gyven, o: deliuered (as is aforesaid) the summe of. x. li. sterling. And for the second tyme so offendynge in any of the said offences, and being therof convicted, as is aforesayde, shal lose and forsaite all his goodes, and his body to be committed to perpetuall pryson.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person o: persons, after the fyrst daye of July nexte commynge, receyve in his handes o: custody, any englyshe booke o: wytynges, concernynge matter against the holy and blessed sacrament of the aultare, o: for the maintenaunce of the damnable opinions of the secte of the anabaptistes, o: any other englyshe booke o: wytynges, whiche heretofore haue ben abolished and condemned by the kynges proclamations, and shalbe therof convicted, in maner and fourme aforesaid: That than every such offendour shal for every such booke o: wytyng so receyved as is aforesayd, lose and forsaite the summe of. v. li. sterling.

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lyng. And if any person or persons, after the first day of Octobre next comynge, shall receive in his handes or custodie, within this realme or elles where within any the kinges dominions, any other of the saide booke or wryttinges before prohibited, and shall be therof convicted, in maner and fourme aforesaid: that than the said person or persons, so being convicted shall for every such booke or wrytting, conteyninge speciall treaty or chapter against any doctrine, set forth or to be set forth by the kinges maiestie, as aforesaid, so by him or them received, forsaite and pay the summe of v. li. sterlinge. And if the booke or wryttinge, haue onely wordes or sentences enterlaced, contrary to the said doctrine: Then the fyne to be moderate by the discretion of the iudge: so it excede not. xl. s.

¶ Provided alwayes, that the bibles and new testamentes in englyshe, not being of Tyndalles translations, shall stande in force, and not be compysed in this abolition or acte. Nevertheless if there shalbe founde in any such bibles or newe testamentes, any annotations or preambles: That than every person and persons, hauinge any bibles or newe testamentes, with any suche annotations or preambles, shall before the said first day of Octobre, cut out or blotte the same, in such wise, as they can not be perceyued nor red, vpon payne to lose and forsaite for every bible and new testament, that any person or persons shal haue in their handes or custodie, after the said first day of October, with any such annotations or preambles, as is aforesaid, contrary to this acte. xl. s.

¶ Provided alway, that this article nexte above specified, do not extend to the blottynge or cutting out of any quotacion or summaries of chapters expressed or conteyned in any such bibles or new testamentes. Any thing afoze mencioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that all bookes in englysh, printed before the yere of our lord. M. D. xl. intituled, the kinges highnes proclamations, inunctions, translations of the Vater noster, the Ave maria, and the Crede, the psalters, pyymers, prayers, statutes and lawes of the realme, cronicles, Canterbury tales, Chaucers bookes, Gowers bookes, and stoies of mennes lyues, shall not be comprehended in the prohibition of this acte, onlesse the kinges said maiesty shall hereafter make speciall proclamation for the condemnation and reprouing of the same, or any of them.

¶ Provided alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that al printers may lawfully print all such bookes, conteyning matters of religion, as the kinges maiesty shall by his bill assigned allow and approue, wherunto the same printers shalbe bound to put the superscription & subscription in this fourme: that is to say, by the king & his clergy, with addition in the ende of the printers name, his dwellinge place, the day and yere of the printinge of the same, which if the same printer do omitte, he shal incur such penalties as before is limited for the printinge, selling, gyvinge, or deliivering of vnlaufull bookes.

¶ Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that

It shall be lawfull to all and every person and personnes, to sette forth songes playes and enterludes, to be vsed and exercised within this realme, & other the kynges dominions, for the rebuking and reproching of vices, & the setting forth of vertue: So alwaies the said songes playes or enterludes medle not with interpretacions of scripture, contrary to the doctrine set forth or to be set forth by the kynges maiestie, our saide soueraigne lord that now is, byng Henry the eight in fourme aforesaid. Any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, after the first day of Octob:re next ensuinge, shal take vpon him or them to read preache or teach openly to other, in any church or open assembly, within any the kynges dominion, the bible, or any parte of scripture in englishe, or by any other person or persons cause it or any part therof openly to be read, preached or taught to other, in any church, or open assembly, as is aforesaide, onlesse he be so appoynted therunto by the kynges maiestie, or by any ordinary, or by such as haue rule gouernement and auctoritie, to make deputacion or assignement for the same, vpon peyn that euery such offendour, being therof conuicted as is aforesaide, shall suffer imprisonment of one moneth.

¶ Provided alwaies, that the chauncellour of Englande, capitaines of the warres, the kynges Iustices, the recorders of any citie, borough, or towne, the speaker of the parliament, and al other Iustices officers and ministers, whiche here tofore haue ben accustomed to declare or teach any good vertuous or godly exortacions, in any assemblies, may vse any part of the bible or holy scripture, as they were wont and haue ben accustomed, so alwaies it be not contrary to the doctrine set forth or to be set forth as is aforesaid, any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ Provided also that it shalbe lawfull to euery noble man and gentylman being a householder, to rede or cause to be reade by any of his family or seruantes, in his house or chard or garden, and to his owne family, any text of the bible or new testament, so the same be done quietly and without disturbance of good order. And also that it shalbe lawfull for euery marchant man being a householder, and occupieng the seat of marchaundise, to rede to him selfe priuately, the bible and new testament, any thing in this acte to the contrary herof not withstanding.

¶ And where the kynges maiestie, of his most gracious and blessed disposition, hath hertofore caused to be set forth the bible and new testament in the english tongue, to be read by his louyng subiectes, to the intent that they might thereby the better know their dutie to almighty god, and to his maiestie, and also increase in vertue, for the welth of their soules. All be it his maiesties said most godly purpose and intent, hath taken good effect amonges a gret multitude of his subiectes, & specially amonges the highest and most honell sort, accordyng to his highnes good expectation therof: yet for as moch as his highnes perceyued, that a greute multitude of his
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Certe subiectes, moſt ſpecially of the lower ſorte, haue ſo abuſed the ſame that they haue therby growen and increaſed in diuers naughty and erroneous opinions, and by occaſion therof fallen into great diſuſion and diſſention among them ſelves, to the great vniquietnes of þe realme, and other his maiesties dominions. For remedie wherof be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſaide, that from and after the ſyxt day of July next coming, no women, no artificers, pientises, iorneymen, ſetuyngemen of the degrees of pomen oꝝ vnder, husband men, no labourers, ſhall reade within this realme, oꝝ in any other the kinges dominions, the bible oꝝ new teſtament in engliſh to him ſelfe, oꝝ to any other priuaty oꝝ openly, vpon paine of one monethes impriſonment for euery time offendinge contrary to this acte, & being therof conuict in ſuche maner and ſourme as is aforeſaide, onleſſe the kinges maiestie, our ſaide ſoueraigne loꝝde king Henry the .viii. perceyuinge ſuche reformation and amendment in theyꝝ lyues and behauiour, by the diligent and diſcrete redyng, and impꝛyntynge in their hartes of the moſt bleſſed doctrine, ſet forth, oꝝ hereafter to be ſet forth by his ſaide maiestie, ſhall of his clemency thinke good otherwyſe, to enlarge and giue liberty for the redyng of the ſame.

¶ Provided alwaie, that all maner of perſons, other than women, artificers, pientises, iourneyemen, ſeruyngemen of the degrees of pomen oꝝ vnder, husbandmen, and labourers, may reade to them ſelues, and to none other, any text of the bible and new teſtament, for their owne edifieng and increaſe of vertu, any thing in this acte to the contrary not withſtanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that euery noble woman and gentylwoman may reade to them ſelues alone and not to others, any textes of the bible oꝝ new teſtament any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ Provided alſo, that it ſhalbe lawfull to euery perſon and perſons what ſo euer, to reade and teache in their howſes, and in the howſes of theyꝝ husbandes, parentes, oꝝ maſters, all ſuche doctrine, as ſyns the ſayde yete of our loꝝde, J. D. xl. is oꝝ ſhall be ſette forth by the kynges maiestie, our ſoueraigne loꝝde that now is, as is aforeſaid. And alſo the pſalters, primers, Mater noſter, Ave, and Crede in engliſh, and all ſuche bookes and wꝛitynges, whiche be aboue ſpecially named, to be reſerued and not to be aboliſhed and prohibited by this acte: So they do the ſame quietly, and without diſturbance of good oꝝdꝛe, any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withſtanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforeſaide, that no perſon oꝝ perſons, other than be aboue lymitted, ſhall take vpon hym openly to diſpute oꝝ argue, to debate diſcuſſe oꝝ expounde holy ſcripture, oꝝ any parte therof, which with al reuerence ought to be communicated amonge chriſten men, vpon the paynes of one monethes impriſonment.

¶ And it is alſo ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforeſaid, that the one moiety of all the penalties and forfeitures of ſummes of money aboue ſpecified, ſhall be to the kinge our ſoueraigne loꝝde, and the other moiety therof

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to such person or persons as will detecte and sue for the conviction of any of the offendours contrary to this acte, in such fourme as is above lymitted by this acte, and that the moitie of such forsaitures lymitted to the partie detectyng and suyng as is aforesaide, shall be leuyed of the offendours, that shall be conuicted by auctoritie of this acte, as is aforesaide, after such fourme fashon and ordre of processe, as shall be deuysed by the iudge or iudges, afoze whome any such conviction shall be had: and the other moitie of suche forsaitures, lymitted to be to the kinges maiestie, shall be esteimated by writyng in to the kinges eschequer, by the saide iudge or iudges, with in .xl. dayes nexte after suche conviction had, if it be in the terme tyme, and if it be out of the terme, then within .xx. dayes next after the beginning of the terme folowynge after suche conviction.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if any spirituall person or persons shall after the first daye of July next comming, pryche, teache defende or mainteyne, any matter or matters, thynges or thynges contrary to the godly instructions or determinations, whiche syns the yere of our lord aforesaid, is or shall be set forth by his maiestie, as is afoze intencioned: That than every such offendour being therof convicted befoze the ordinarie of that diocesse within the whiche the saide offence shall be committed, and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesaide, or befoze two of the kynges maiesties counsaile, or such commissioners as his maiestie shall appoint for that purpose: shall be for the first tyme admitted to recante and renounce his said errours, after suche maner and fourme as shall be appointed by the ordinarie or iudges, afoze whome such offendour shall be conuicted. And if such offendour refuse to recante, in suche fourme as is aforesaide, or if he recante, and after estesones offende: That than he shall for the seconde tyme, or for refusal to recant, abiure and beare a sagot, after such maner and fourme as shall be assigned by the ordinarie or iudge and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesaid afoze whome such offendour shall be so conuicted. And if such offendour refuse to abiure and beare a sagotte, as is aforesaid, or if he abiure and beare a sagotte, as is aforesaid, and after offende the thirde tyme, contrarie to this acte, and be therof conuicted in maner and fourme as is aforesaide: That than every such offendour, for the thirde time, or for refusal to abiure, shall be demed and adiudged an heretike, and shall suffer therfoze peines of death by burning, and losse and forsaitures of all his goodes and cattalles. And if any laie person or persons, shall after the said first date of July next comming, teache defende or mainteyne any matter or matters, thing or thynges, contrary to the godly instructions or determinations, whiche syns the yere of our lord aforesaid, is or shall be sette forth by his maiestie, as is aforesaide, every such offendour, being therof duly convicted befoze the ordinarie of the diocesse, within the whiche the said offence shall be committed, and two Iustices of peace, as is aforesaid, or befoze two of the kynges maiesties counsaile, or suche commissioners, as the kinges highnes shall appoint for that purpose, shall renounce and forsake his said errour befoze

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the sayde ordinarie oꝝ iudges, befoze whom the sayd offendour shall be conuicted and suffer imprisonment in any of the kinges pylons by the space of xx. dayes. And if suche offendour refuse to renounce and forsaake his said errors, oꝝ if he renounce and forsaake his sayde errors, and after esteemes offende: That than he shall foꝝ the seconde tyme, oꝝ refuſynge to renounce, abiure and beate a fagot, in maner and forme, as by the ordinarie oꝝ iudge befoze whome suche offendour shall be so conuicted, shall be appointed. And if suche offendour refuse to abiure and beate a fagot as is aforesayd, oꝝ if he abiure and beate a fagot as is aforesayd, and after offende the thirde tyme contrary to this act, oꝝ refuse to abiure, and be therof conuicted in maner and forme as is aforesayd: That than euery suche offendour shall forsaite al his goodes and cattalles, and haue perpetual imprisonment.

Provided alwaies, that the offence of reabyng, preachyng, teachyng, defendyng oꝝ mainteynyng matter, contrary to the determination set foꝝth oꝝ to be set foꝝth by the kynges maiesty our sayd soueraine loꝝde kyng Henry the. viii. be objected agaynst the offendour, within one yere nexte after suche offence committed and done, oꝝ els the offendour therein to suffer no punishment by auctorite of this act.

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that in triall by witnes of any of the matters oꝝ offences aboue specified in this acte, the person oꝝ persons, beinge detected oꝝ complained on, shall be admitted to purge and trie his oꝝ their innocency by other witnes, as many oꝝ mo in numbre, and of as good honesty & credence as those be whiche depose agaynst them oꝝ any of them, in whiche case the sayd iudge oꝝ iudges, whiche shall haue auctorite to examine here and determine the offences abovesaid, by auctorite of this act, shall aduisedly and delibberatly suruey and consider the witnes, brought in by bothe parties, and theyꝝ depositions and circumstances therof, & there vpon condemne oꝝ dismyss from punishment and losse, the person detect oꝝ complained vpon, as to his owne discretion shall seme best to agree with conscience and equity.

Provided alwaies that this act be vnderstand, that no person oꝝ persons shall incurre any payne oꝝ penaltie in this act, foꝝ offending of any doctrine hereafter to be sette foꝝth by the kynges maiesty: as is aforesayd, tyll one moneth be past and expired nexte after suche doctrine shall be put in print, within whiche tyme of a moneth, nexte after suche doctrine imprinted, euery person may haue notice of the same.

Provided also that the acte concernyng the syxe articles, shall still remaine and continye in the same force strength and effecte, as it was befoze the makinge of this acte, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And be it further provided by auctorite aforesayd, that the kynges maiesty our said soueraine loꝝde that now is king Henry the. viii. may at any tyme hereafter at his highnes lyberty and pleasure, chaunge and alter this present act and provisions of the same, oꝝ any clause oꝝ article therein contained

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ned, as to his highnes most excellent wisdom shall seme conuenient, any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Composed alwayes and be it enacted, that for the moze speedy execution of this act, every ordinary aforesayd, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertu of this act, to giue notice to two iustices of peace, beinge vnder the degree of barons, and beinge resyaunt and inhabitant within suche shire where any suche ordinary shall sit, for the execution of this act, and require them to come to suche place, and at suche time, as suche ordinary shall name and assigne, to ioyne with the said ordinary in examination and determination of any offence or offences committed or done against the tenour of this act. And in case any suche iustices, beinge so required, as is aforesayd, hauyng conuenient and reasonable warning and knowledge in writinge from the sayd ordinary, of the day & place appointed, do not come to suche place, and at suche tyme, as shalbe so appoynted, hauyng no lawfull and iust impediment to the contrary, shal forfeite and lose to the kynges highnes, for euery suche offence, xl.s. to be estreated, as is aforesayd.

CAn act concernyng collectours and recepuers. Cap. ii.



Where diuers and sundry hygh collectours of the. x v. and subsidy, due to the kynges hyghnes, and dyuers other his particular and generall receiueours of his reuenues and duties, beinge within the suruey rule and order of his maiesties court of the Eschequer, the duchy of Lancaster, the courte of the Augmentations of the reuenues of his crown, the court of the general surueyours, the court of the wardes and liueries, and the court of the tenth and fyrst frutes, haue heretofore, after the collection leuying or gathering of the kynges fiftenes subsidies rentes debtes & other his money and duties, retained occupied and conuerted the same to theyr owne syngular profit and commodity, as in lonyng or leuying out the same for games, in purchasyng landes of great value, and in bying of wolles, and other marchandise, whereby the kynges maiesty hath oft times lost gret part of his debtes and duties, and sometime forborne the same by a long season, after suche tyme as the same haue ben due and gathered. For reformation wherof be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thau thority of the same, that euery hygh collectour of any. x v. subsidy or other taxe or loan, and all and euery other the kynges said particular and generall recepuers, of any the sayde summes of money, and other duties belongyng to the kyng, from and after the fyrst day of July next commyng, shall within the space of thye monethes next after suche dayes and tymes, as any the sayd fiftenes, subsidies, rentes, summes of money, or other petyl profittes, shall be due and payable to the kyng, his heires or successours, by any statute ordynauce or other meane, and by

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and by the same collectour particular oꝛ general recepuour, oꝛ any of them receyved oꝛ gathered, truly content delivier and pay the same to the kynges vse, at suche place oꝛ places, and to suche person oꝛ persons, as be oꝛ shalbe named appointed and lymitted foꝛ the same, upon perue to foꝛsaite to the kyng his heires and successours, foꝛ every pounde so beynge receyved, and after that receyved kept oꝛ layde out foꝛ gaine, and not payde within thre monethes, to the kynges vse, as is aforesaide. **Item.** Whyllynge foꝛ every moneth that the same money shall be so receyved kept oꝛ layde out foꝛ gaine, as is aforesaide, and also shall lose and foꝛsaite his oꝛ their sayd office, concerning the same, and all profits therunto belongyng. And that the kyng shall at his pleasure charge the sayd collectour particular oꝛ generall recepuour upon his oꝛ theyꝝ accomptes with the penaaltie and foꝛfeitures abovescherished, oꝛ elles at his pleasure demaunde aske and recouer the same by action byll plaint oꝛ suite of debte against the same collectour oꝛ collectours, particular oꝛ generall recepuour, their heires executours oꝛ admynistratours: In whiche action byll playnt oꝛ suite no protection essone oꝛ wager of lawe shalbe allowed noꝛ admitted.

Item. Provided alway, that if any of the saide collectours, particular oꝛ generall recepuours, tender payment of all suche money by them receyved to the kynges vse, within the sayd thre monethes, in such place, and unto such persone and persons, as be oꝛ shall be charged with the recepte of the same, and do as moche as in hym oꝛ them is, oꝛ than shalbe, foꝛ to make true payment therof: and can not be therunto admitted, by reason of importunate busines, oꝛ other lawfull impediment oꝛ cause in hym oꝛ them that shoulde accepte oꝛ receyve the same: that in every suche case, the same collectour, particular oꝛ generall recepuour oꝛ recepuours, as shall so make tender of al such money by hym oꝛ them receyved oꝛ gathered to the kynges vse, as is aforesaid, can not be therunto admitted foꝛ any the causes abovesaid, shal not be charged with, oꝛ incurre any danger oꝛ penalty conteined in this act: This act oꝛ any thing therein conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item. Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the heire oꝛ heires of any collectour oꝛ recepuour aforesaide, shall not be charged oꝛ chargeable, by reason of this acte, but onely foꝛ and in suche landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes, whiche the sayd heire oꝛ heires haue oꝛ shall haue by discent in fee simple oꝛ fee taylor, oꝛ by gifte, oꝛ els by any other assurance had oꝛ made to any such heire oꝛ heires only by couine from the said collectour oꝛ recepuour, oꝛ any of them, oꝛ any theyꝝ assignes. And that in all and every suche case and cases, the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours, to haue execution only of & in such landes tenementes oꝛ hereditamentes descended, given, oꝛ otherwise assured, as is aforesaid, until such time as his maiesty, his heires & successors, be fully satisfied & paid of all and every such summe & summes of money, due oꝛ to be due by any such collectour oꝛ recepuour.

Item. And it is futher enacted, that the executour oꝛ executours, admynistratour oꝛ admynistratours of every suche collectour oꝛ recepuour, shall not be other

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be otherwise charged or chargeable by this acte, but as executours and administrators be: shoulde be charged and chargeable by the order of the common lawes of this realme, in actions of debte, vled and commenced against them, as executours or administrators.

¶ Douped also and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that where the heire and heires of any the kynges recepuours or collectours or debtours, is or shall be charged of and for his fathers or auncellours debtes or ducties, whose heire he is, whereby the landes descended or gyven to hym by couene, to defraude the kynges execution of suche lande vnto hym or theym from the sayde father or auncellour is put in execution, that than suche heire or heires shall and may haue his or their action of debte against the executours or administrators of his saide father or auncellour, and shall haue execution of the goodes and cattalles of the sayde father or auncellour, being in the handes of the sayd executours or administrators, at the tyme of the said action brought: In whiche sayd action none essoin, protection nor wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

¶ Douped alway, that this acte shall not extende to the collectours of the kynges custome, and of the subsidie of connage and pondage, whiche be accountable perely in the kynges maiesties eschequer.

¶ Douped alwaies, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende or be preiudiciall to any the sayde generall or particular recepuour or recepuours, to or for the paymentes of any pensions, fees, annuities, rentes, or other allowaunces, by them or any of theym payde, or to be payde, to any person or persons, accordinge to suche allowance or order or decree, as be or hereafter shall be allowed, ordered, or decreed in any of the sayd courttes, any thing in this act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And acte for the assise of cole and wood. Cap. iii.



Where of late yeres not onely the kynges highnesse, but also all his lounge subiectes, haue bene moche dysceyued in theyr suell, that they haue bought by the greedy couetous myndes of the sellers of the same, as welle by the vntreue measures of coles, lyttell and lyttell continually minished, as also in the vntrewe lengthe and quantitie of faggoite, talwood, and byllette, to the greatte dyscepte and losse, as welle of our sayde soueraygne lord, as also of all his faythfull and trewe subiectes. For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirytuall and temporall, and by the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no personne, from the feast of the purification of our blessed ladye, that shall be in the yere of our lord, a thousande fyue hundred fortye and thye, shall bargaine, selle, bypunge, or conuey, to be vttered or solde, within

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within the cite of London, or elles where within this realme of England; ne to Calers or the marches of the same, any cooles faggottes bylletes or tallwood, but of the measures quantities lengthes and assises hereafter ensuing, that is to saye, that every quarter of cooles shall conteyne in cleve cooles, but bushels at the least: and every shide of tallwood to conteyne in length, .iiii. foote of assise at the least, beside the carse: and every talie shide of one, to be in greatnes in the middes, .xx. inches of assise at the least: and every tall shide, named of two, to conteyne in greatnes in the middes, .xxvi. ynches of assise at the least: And every talie shide, named of .iii. to conteyne in greatnes, .xxxii. ynches of assise at the least: And every tall shide, named of .iiii. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes, .xxxviii. ynches of assise at the least. And every talshide, named of .v. to conteyne in greatnes in the myddes, .xl. ynches of assise at the least. And that no pece of tallwood be made of any mo shides, than onely, .v. and that no halfe shide be made, but onely of him self, nor marked with an other. And every fagot bedde, with all that belongeth thereto, to conteyne in lengthe, .iii. foote of assise at the least: the bonde of every whiche faggotte to conteyne, .iii. quarters of a parde at the least, besyde the knotte. And every byllette to be onely of one caste and not aboue. And the halfe of every loode of such bylletes, to be singles, and every single byllette to conteyne aboue the myddes, .ix. ynches of assise at the least, and in lengthe with the carse, .iii. foote and an halfe of assise. And every double byllette to be in greatnes in the myddes, .xii. ynches of assise at the least. And every person, that so shal bargaine sell hynges or conuey to be vtered or sold, any cooles, faggotte, byllette, or tallwood, contrary to the true meaning and intent of this present acte shall forfait all suche cooles faggot billet and tallwood, or the value therof. The one halfe of the said forfaitures to be to the hynges oure soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to hym that wyl lease the same, or sue therfor, in any of the hynges courtes, by wytte bill plaint or information: wherin none eschoine protection nor wager of lawe to be allowed. And further, the sayde offender within any cytie borough or towne to be punished by the discretion of the mai: or other head officer of the same cytie borough or towne, for the tyme beinge. And the said offender, out of the same cytie borough or towne, to be punished by the discretion of two Justices of peace, inhabytyng within the shyre, where the offence shall be committed or done. And the sayde offenders in Calers: or the marches of the same, to be punished by the discretion of the mai: and his byethorne there. And the offenders contrary to the pyrmises, in the householde of our sayde soueraygne lordes the hynges, and his heires or successours, to susteine suche further punishment, as shall seme expedient to the heade officers of the same householde for the tyme beinge, or thier of them, wherof the treasurer or the comptroller for the tyme being to be one.

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CAn acte against suche personnes as do make
bankrupte. Cap. iiii.

Where by certe and sundry persons, craftely obteynynge
in to theyr handes greate substaunce of other mennes
goodes, do sodaynly flee to parties unknownen, or kepe
their houses, not myndynge to paye or respoze to any
theyr creditours, their debtes and dueties, but at theyr
owne wylles and pleasures consume the substaunce ob-
teyned by credyte of other men, for theyr owne pleasures and deliciau ly-
uynge, agaynst all reason equity and good conscience. **B E I T T H E R**
F O R E enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the lord
Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale, the lord Treas-
ourer, the lord President, lord Priuy seale, and other of the kinges molle
honourable Priuy counsaile, and the chiefe Iustyce of eyther benche, for
the tyme being, or thye of them at the least, wherof the lord Chauncellour
or keeper of the great seale, lord Treasourer, lord President, or the lord Pri-
uy seale to be one, upon every complaynt made to them in wrytynge by any
parties greued concernynge the premises, shall haue power and auctorite
by vertue of this acte, to take by their wisdomes and discretions, suche or-
ders and directions, as well with the bodies of such offendours as aforesaid,
where so euer they may be had, as well in their houses as els where, by im-
prisonment of their bodies, or otherwise, as also with their landes teneme-
tes fees annuities & offices, whiche they haue in fee simple, fee taylor, terme
of lyfe, terme of yeres, or in the ryght of theyr wyues, as moche as the in-
terest, ryght, & title of the same offendours shall extend or be, and may than
lawfully be departed with, by the said offendour, and also with theyr money
goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises, & debtes, where so euer they may
be found or knowen. And to cause their said landes tenementes fees annu-
ities offices goodes cattals wares marchaundises and debtes to be serched
hiewed rented and appraysed, and to make sale of the said landes teneme-
tes fees annuities and offices, as moche as the same offender may than
lawfully giue graunt or depart with, or otherwise to order the same for true
satisfaction and payment of the said creditours: that is to say, to every of
the saide creditours, a portion rate and rate lyke, accordynge to the quanti-
tie of their debtes. And that every direction order bargain sale and other
chnges done by the sayde lordes auctorised, as is aforesayde, in wrytynge
signed with their handes, by auctorite of this acte, shall be good and effec-
tuall in the law to all intentes constructions and purposes agaynst the said
offenders, theyr heires and executours for euer, as though the same order
direction bargain and sale had ben made by the said offender or offenders,
at his or theyr owne free wyl and lybertie by wrytynge indented enrolled
in any the hynges courtes of recozde

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And be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if after any suche acte or offence committed, and complaynte therof made to the saide lordes, as is aforesaide, any partie greued concernynge the p[re]misses knowynge, supposynge, or suspectynge any of the goodes cattalles wares marchaundyses or debtes of suche offendour or offendours, to be in custodie, vse, occupieng kepyng or posselcion of any person or persons, or any person or personnes to be indebted to any suche offendour or offendours, do make relation therof to the saide lordes, to whome auctoritie is gyven by this p[re]sent acte as is aforesaid: that than the saide lordes shall by vertue hereof, haue full power and auctoritie to sende for and conuenient afoze them by suche p[ro]ces, wayes or meanes, as they shall thynke conuenient by theyr dyscretions, all and euery suche person and persons so knownen supposed or suspected, to haue any suche goodes cattalles wares, marchaundyses or debtes in his or theyr custodie vse occupation kepyng or possession, or supposed or suspected, to be indebted to suche offendour or offendours, and vpon theyr apparaunce to examine them and euery of them as well by theyr othes, as otherwysse by suche wayes and meanes, as the saide lordes by their discretions, shall thynke mete and conueniente for and vpon the specialty, certainty, true declaration and knowledge, of all and singular suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, of any such offendours as be supposed or suspected to be in his or their custody, vse, occupation or possession, and of all suche debtes as by them or any of them, shall be supposed or suspected to be owinge to any such offendour. And if any suche person or persons vpon suche examination do not disclose, playnely declare and shewe the hole truthe of suche thynges as he or they shall be examined of, concernynge the p[re]misses: than euery suche person or personnes so examyned, and not declarynge the playne and whole trouthe, concernynge the p[re]misses, vppon due p[ro]ofe therof to be made, befoze the saide lordes therfoze autho[r]ised, as is aforesaide, by witnessse, examination, or otherwise, as to the same lordes shall seme sufficient in that behalfe, shall lose and forsayte double the value of all suche goodes, cattalles, wares, marchaundises and debtes, by them or any of them so concealed and not wholy and playnely declared and shewed, whiche forsayture shall be leuped and recouered by the sayde lordes, hauninge auctoritie as is aforesaide, by suche wayes, and meanes as to them shall seme requisite and conuenient. And the same forsayture to be distributed and imployed to and for the satisfaction and payment of the debtes of the sayde credytour or credytours, in suche lyke maner rate and fourme, as is aboue declared, concernynge the orderynge of the goodes and cattalles, of the sayde offendours, kepyng theyr houses, or slepyng to places vnknowen, as is aforesayde.

AND BE IT ALSO FVRTHER ENACTED by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if after any suche personne or personnes shall kepe

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his or their houses, or flee to parties unknown, as is aforesaid, any person or persons do fraudently by couyne or collusion, claime or demaunde any debt duety or other thinge by writinge or otherwise, of any suche offendour or offendours, other than suche as he or they can and doo pprove to be due by right and conscience, in fourme aforesaid, before the said lordes havinge auctoritie by this present acte, as is aforesaid, and the same to pcedde bona fide, without fraude or couine: that than every such person and persons, so craftely demaunding or claiming any such debt duety or other thinge, as is aforesaid, shall forfeite and lose double as moche as he or they shall so claime or demaunde. And the same forfeiture to be lewied recovered and imploied in maner and fourme as is aforesaid rehearsed.

¶ And be it also further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any suche person or persons, whiche shall kepe his or their houses, or flee to parties unknown, as is aforesaid, of intent to delay or defraude their creditours discretfully by couine or collusion, suffer or cause any other person or persons, to recover against him or them any debtes goodes cattails wares or marchaundises without a iust cause and title so to do, pcedynge bona fide without fraude or couyne: that than upon complaynt therof made to the said lordes, havinge auctoritie by this present acte, as is aforesaid, the same lordes shall have power and auctoritie by vertue hereof, to convene and call before them the said recoverer or recoverers, and after such fraude disceite couyne or collusion shall plainly appere or be duly proved before the said lordes aucthorised, as is aforesaid, all the said goodes and cattails of the said offendour so recovered, shall be chargeable imploied ordered and delivred towards the payment of the true and due debtes of the said creditour, after the maner fourme and rate as is aforesaid specified, by the discretion of the said lordes, havinge auctoritie by this present acte, the aforesaid false and fained recoverer not withstanding: so that alwayes suche false and fained recoveries shall not be in force, or any execution therby had of or upon any goodes, cattails, landes, or tenementes of any suche offendour or offendours, untill suche tyme as all his or their true and due debtes and dueties, shall be fully satisfied contented and payed to his or their creditours. And notwithstanding after that the said true debtes and dueties, shall be fully satisfied and payde, as is aforesaid, as well the body of the said offendour, as his landes tenementes goodes and cattails shall be charged and lyable to the execution of the said recovery accordynge to the tenour force and effect of the same.

¶ And be it also enacted by the same auctoritie, that if any suche person or persons, whiche shall be indetted, do withdrawe him selfe out of this realme and other the kynges dominions, into any foraine realme, or countrey, to the intent there to abyde and remaine, in defraude of his creditours: that than upon complaynt in writinge concernynge the premises, therof made to the said lordes havinge auctoritie, as is aforesaid, the same lordes shall

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Shall by vertue and auctoritie of this present acte have power and auctoritie to awarde proclamations to be made in such places as to them shall be thought mete and conuenient, commaunding by the same such offender in the king our soueraigne lordes name, to returne with all conuenient speede in to this realme, and to yelde his body before the said lordes, hauing auctoritie as is aforesaide, or one of them. And if the said person within three monethes next after he shall haue knowledge of such proclamatio, or as soon after as he conueniently may, do not repaire and yelde his body as is aforesaide, that than the body of all and euery suche offendour and offendours shall be adiudged taken and deined to al intents and purposes out of the kinges protection, and that also all goodes cattalles landes tenementes and debtes of euery suche offendour shall be by the order and discretion of the said lordes imployed and distributed amonges his creditours equally and indifferently rate for rate, in like maner and forme as is aforesaid. And that also euery person & persons that shall willingly helpe to aide subuersell or conuyl any such person or persons, their goodes cattalles wares or marchaundises out of this realme, & other the kinges dominions, in to any forein realme or place, knowynge the said person or persons to departe or withdraue them selues, or conuyl theyr saide goodes cattals wares and marchaundises for the cause and intent aforesaid, shall suffer suche peines by imprisonment of their bodies, or paye such fyne to our soueraigne lord the king, his heires or successours, as to the saide lordes hauing auctoritie by vertue of this present acte, shall seme mete and conueniente for theyr saide offence or offences.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if the creditours of any such offendour or offendours, which shall kepe his or their house or houses, or which shall absent or withdraue them selues in to places vnknewen, for þ causes aforesaid, be not fully satisfied and payde or otherwise contented for their debtes and dueties, by the waies and meanes aforespecified and declared, that then the said creditour and creditours, and euery of them, shall and may haue their remedy for the recouery & leuynge of the residue of their said debtes or dueties, wherof they shall not be fully satisfied and payde, or otherwise contented in forme aforesaid against the said offendour or offendours in like maner and forme as they shuld or might haue had, before the makinge of this acte. And that the said creditour and creditours, and euery of them, shalbe only barred and excluded by vertue of this acte, of and for all and euery suche part and portyon of the said debtes and dueties, as shalbe payde satisfied distributed or deliuered vnto him or them by the saide lordes, hauinge auctoritie as is aforesaide, and of no more portyon or parcell ther, any thinge herein specified that may be taken or construed to the contrary notwithstandinge.

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An act for the explanation of the statute of Wylles. Cap. v.



Here in the last parliament, begunne and holden at Wcestm, the xxviii. day of April, in the. xxi. yere of the kinges most gracious reigne, and there by diuers pꝛorogations holden and continued vnto the. xxviii. day of July, in the. xxviii. yere of his sayde reigne: It was by the kynges moost gracious and lyberall disposition shewed towardes his most humble and obedient subiectes ordeyned and enacted, how and in what maner landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, might be by will or testament, in wytyng or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in the lyfe of euery person, giuen disposed willed or deuised, for the advancement of the wise pꝛeferment of children, payment of debtes of euery such person, or otherwise at his wyll or pleasure, as in the same acte moze plainely is declared. Wherby the makynge of which statute diuers doubtes, questions, and ambiguyties, haue risen, ben moued, and growen, by dyuersitie of opinions takynge in and vpon the exposition of the letter of the same statute.

For a playne declaration and explanation wherof, and to the intent and purpose, that the kinges obedient and louing subiectes shall and may take the commoditie and aduantage of the kynges said gracious and liberall disposition, the lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, most humbly besechen the kynges maiestie, that the meanynge of the letter of the same statute, concernynge suche matters hereafter rehersed, may be by the auctoritie of this present parliament enacted, taken, expounded, iudged, declared, and explained, in maner and fourme folowynge.

Fyrst where it is contained in the same former statute, with in diuers articles and branches of the same, that all and singular person and persons, hauyng any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, of the estate of inheritance, shuld haue full and free liberty power and auctorite, to giue, will, dispose, or assigne, as wel by his last will & testamēt in wytyng or other wyse by any act or actes lawfully executed in his lyfe, his manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes or any of them, in such maner & fourme, as in the same former act moze at large it doth appere. Which wordes of estate of inheritance, by pꝛauctoritie of this present parliament, is and shall be declared, expounded, taken, and iudged, of estates in fee simple onely. And also that al and singular person and persons hauyng a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in coparcenary, or in cōmon in fee simple of and in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes in possession, reuerſion, or remainder, or of rentes or seruices incident to any reuerſion or remainder, & hauyng no manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the king, his heires, or successours, or of any other person or persons, by knightes ierupce, shall haue full and free libertie power and auctorite, to giue, dispose, will, or deuise to any person or persons (except

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except bodies politike & corporate) by his last will and testament, in writing or otherwise, by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe sole or by him selfe & other jointly severally or particularly, or by all those wares or any of them, as much as in him of right is or shalbe, at his said manors landes tenementes rentes and hereditamentes, or any of them, or any rentes commons or other profittes, or comodities, out of or to be perceined of the same, or out of any parcell therof, at his owne free will and pleasure: any clause in the said former acte not withstanding.

¶ And further be it declared and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular person and persons, havinge a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or seised in fee simple, in coparcenerie, or in comon in fee simple, or in any manours landes tenementes rentes or other hereditamentes, in possession reversion or remainder, or of & in any rentes or services incident to any reversion or remainder, holden of the kinge by knights service in chief, or of the nature of knights service in chief, hath and by the auctoritie of this present parliament shal have full and free libertie power & auctoritie, to give dispose will or assigne to any person or persons (except bodies politike and corporate) by his last will and testament in writing, or otherwise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe sole, or by him selfe & other jointly severally or particularly, or by all those wares or any of them, as much as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes as well of all the saide manours landes tenementes rentes and hereditamentes, as of all and singular his other rentes and hereditamentes, or of any of them, or any rentes commons, or other profittes or comodities, out of or to be perceined of the same two partes, or out of any parcell therof, in thre partes to be devidided, or as moche therof, as shal amounte to the full and cleere verely value of two partes therof, in thre partes to be devidided, of what person or persons so ever they be holden, at his free will & pleasure. And that by the auctoritie aforesaid, the said will so declared, shal be good and effectuell for two partes of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, although the will so declared be made of the whole, or of more than of two partes of the same. The same devision to be made and set forth by the devisour or owner of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last will in writing or otherwise in writing. And in default therof by a commission to be graunted out of the kings court of the wardes and liveries, upon the inquiry of the true valu therof, by the othes of xij. men & returne or certificat therof had in the same court of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, devision to be made by the master of the wardes and liveries, if the master of the wardes and liveries for the tyme beinge, & the parties therunto can not otherwyle agree upon the same devision. And that the issues and profittes of the two partes of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes upon every such devision, to be restoyed to them, that shal have right or title to the same from the death of the owner or devisour therof.

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And further be it enacted and declared by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular person and persons, having a sole estate or interest in fee simple, or leased in fee simple, in coparcenary, or in common in fee simple of or in any manours landes tenementes rented or other hereditamentes in possession reuersion or remainder, or of and in any rentes or seruices incident to any reuersion or remainder holden of the king, his heires or successors, by knightes seruice, and not in chiefe, or holden of any other person or persons by knightes seruice, shal haue full and free liberty power and auctorite, to giue dispose wil or deuise to any person or persons, excepte bodies politike & corporate, by his last wil & testament in wittinge, or otherwise by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his life by him selfe only, or by him selfe and other jointly severally or particularly, or by al those wayes, or any of them, as moch as in him of right is or shalbe, two partes of al the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or any of them so holde by knightes seruice, or any rentes common or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same two partes, or out of any parcell thereof, in thre partes to be deuided, or as moch thereof, as shal amount to the full & cleere percel value of two partes thereof, in thre partes to be deuided, at his free wil and pleasure. And that the said wil so declared by auctorite aforesaid, shalbe good and effectual for two partes of the said manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, although the wil so declared be or shalbe made of the whole landes and tenementes, so holden by knightes seruice, or of more than of two partes of the same. And also for the whole of al other such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or any of them, not holden of the king by knightes seruice in chiefe, or otherwise by knightes seruice, nor of any other person by knightes seruice, & of any rentes commons or other profittes or commodities, out of or to be perceiued of the same, or out of any parcell thereof, at his free wil and pleasure. The same deuision to be made & set forth by the owner of the said manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, by his last wil and testament in wittinge, or other wise in wittinge. And in default thereof, for as moch of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as shal concerne the kinges interest, by commission to be directed out of the kinges court of the wardes and liueries, in maner and fourme as is aforesaid, if the maister of the wardes and liueries for the time being, and the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision: And that restitution of the issues & profittes of the two partes thereof, shalbe had & made in maner and fourme abovesaid. And for such of the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, as shal concerne the interest of any other lord or lordes, by commission to be graunted out of the kinges court of the chancery, to enquire thereof by the othes of xii. men, if the same lord or lordes, and the parties therunto can not otherwise agree vpon the same deuision.

And be it further enacted and declared by auctorite aforesaid, that the sauinges reseruinges and prouisions, concerninge sauinge of the custodie ward:

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wardship reliefs and primer seison to the kinge, of such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or as moch therof as shal apperteyne vnto him by vertue of the said former acte, and by the declaration & exposition therof, declared by this present acte, duringe the kinges interest therein: And also of the custodie and wardship to other lordes, of as moch of such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes holden of them, as shal amount and extend to the clere perely value of the thirde part therof, ouer & aboue all charges, without any diminution or abatement of the thirde parte, or of the full profittes therof, compysed and mentioned in diuers articles in the said former act contained, by the auctoritie aforesaid, be & shal be intended expounded and taken, as hereafter ensueth: That is to say, that the kyng shal haue and take for his full thirde parte, of all such manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, wherunto he is or shal be intituled by the said former act, and by this present acte, such manours landes and tenementes, as shal by any meanes descend, or come by descent, as well of estate of inheritaunce in fee tayl, as in fee simple, or in fee tayle only to the heire of any such person, that shal make any will, gift, disposition, or deuise by his last will in wyting, or by any acte or actes lawfully executed in his life, immediately after the death of the same deuysour or owner therof. And that the will gift and deuise of every such deuysour or owner, of and for the two partes of the saide manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes residue, shal by the auctoritie aforesaid, be and stand good and effectuell in the law, albeit the same wil, gift, or deuise be had and made of all his fee simple landes tenementes and hereditamentes, or of the moze parte therof. And in case the same manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, whiche after the death of any suche owner or deuysour, whiche shal make any such gift disposition or deuise by his last will in wyting, or other wise by any act or actes lawfully executed in his life, to his wife, children, or otherwise, as is aforesaid, which shal immediately after his death descend reuert remaine or come to his heyre or heyres, as well of estate of inheritance in fee taile as of estate in fee simple, or fee taile onely, be not or shal not amount or extend to the ful clere perely value of the ful thirde part with the full profittes therof, of al the said manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, of the said deuysour or owner, accordinge to the true intent and meaning of the said former acte, and of this present acte: That than the king shal and may haue and take into his handes and possession, to make by his ful thirde part, with the ful profittes therof, according to his interest therein as moch of the other manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, willed giuen disposed or assigned by any such person, to his wife children or otherwise, as is aforesaid, as with suche of the same manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes descended, or by any meanes come vnto the heire, as heire of any such deuysour or owner, shal make by the clere perely value of the said ful thirde part, with the ful profittes therof, of all the said manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, of every such owner

owner oꝝ deuifour, fo to be had to þ kyng, in title of wardfhypp oꝝ pꝛimer fen-
fon, as the cafe ſhall requyre. And the deuifion therof to be had and made
with the reſtitutio of the pꝛofites of the two partes of the ſaid manours lan-
des tenementes and hereditamentes in ſuche maner & fourme as is aboue
reherſed. And lyke benefite and aduantage to be giuen had and taken by
the ſayd auctozitie, to euery lord and lordes, of whome any ſuch manours
landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes ben oꝝ ſhall be holden by knightes
ſeruiſe, in maner and fourme as is abouelſayd, concerning only his oꝝ theſe
thirde partes therof, accordyng to theiſe ſaid intereſt therein.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctozitie aforeſaide, that if it happen
the ſame thirde parte, oꝝ any parte therof, left willed oꝝ aſſigned to the kyng
oꝝ other lord, at any tyme during their intereſtes therein, to be lawfully euil-
cted oꝝ determined: that than the kyng and the other lord, ſhall haue as
moch of the two partes reſidue, as ſhall accompliſhe & make by a ful thirde
parte in clere perely value, after the rate & poꝛtion of ſuch manours landes
tenementes and hereditamentes, as ſhall then happen to remayne of the
ſame thirde parte, not deuicted oꝝ determined: And of the other two partes
of ſuch manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as the kyng oꝝ
other lord ſhulde oꝝ ought to haue had, by vertue of the ſaid former acte, &
this pꝛeſent acte: and the ſame to be deuided in maner and fourme aboue
reherſed, any claufe in the ſaid former acte not withſtandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted and declared by the auctozitie aforeſaide, that
the ſauynge and reſeruyng for fines for alienation by any ſuche laſt wyl
and teſtament of ſuch manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamentes, hol-
den of the kyng by knightes ſeruiſe in chief, oꝝ of the nature of knyghtes
ſeruyſe in chief, oꝝ by ſocage in chief, oꝝ of the nature of ſocage tenure in
chief, oꝝ for fines for alienation, of ſuche manours landes tenementes oꝝ
hereditamentes, wherof there ſhalbe any alteration of freholde oꝝ of inhe-
ritance, made by any ſuche laſte wyl, compyſed in diuers and ſundry ar-
ticles, mencioned in the ſayd former acte, be and ſhalbe inteded expounded
taken demed and iudged, by the auctozitie aforeſayde, that all ſuche perſon
oꝝ perſons, to whome the ſaid manours landes tenementes oꝝ hereditamen-
tes, oꝝ any of them, be oꝝ ſhall be giuen byſpoſed willed oꝝ deuſed by any
ſuch laſt wyl, ſhalbe exonerated acquyted and diſcharged for euer agaynſt
the kyng, his heires and ſucceſſours, for all ſuch fines for alienations, by
any ſuche laſt wyl oꝝ teſtament, without licence by ſuyng ſouth of þ kynges
pardon for alienation out of þ kynges courte of Chauncery, payng to the
king, his heire oꝝ ſucceſſours, for the fine of euery ſuch alienatio, the thirde
part of the perely value of the ſame manours landes tenementes, oꝝ other
hereditamentes, to him oꝝ them willed oꝝ deuſed: And this acte, from tyme to
tyme ſhall be a ſuffeyent warrant to the lord Chancelour of England, oꝝ
keeper of the great ſeale, for the tyme beinge, for the graſſing out of þ ſayd
pardon oꝝ pardons, vnder the kynges great ſeale, as heretofore hath bene
bled for pardons for alienations, without any further ſuite to be made to
the kinge for the ſame,

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¶ And it is further declared and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that wpples of testaments, made of any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, by any woman covert, or person within the age of .xxi. yerres, whome, or by any person be non sane memoire, shall not be taken to be good or effectuell in the lawe.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, having estate of inheritance, or in manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, holden of the king by knights service in chief or otherwise of the king by knights service, or of any other person or persons by knights service, hath given at any time sithen the .xx. daie of the said month of July, or hereafter shall give will devise or assigne, by wpple or other acte executed in his life, his manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any of them, by fraude or coueyne, to any other person or persons, for term of yerres life or liues, with one remainder ouer in fee, or with diuers remainders ouer for term of yerres life, or in taile, with a remainder ouer in fee simple, to any person or personnes, or to his or their righte heires: or at any time sithen the said .xx. daie of July, hath conveyed or made, or hereafter shall convey or make by fraude or coueyne, contrary to the true intent of this act, any estates, conditions, menalties, tenures, or conveyances, to the intent to defraude or disceue the kinge of his prerogatiue, primer seison, luerie, relief, wardship, mariages, or rightes: or any other loyde of their wardships, relieffes, heriottes, or other profittes, which shuld or ought to accrue growe or come vnto them or any of them, by or after the death of his or their tenant by force and accordinge to the former estatute, and of this present act and declaration: and the same estates and other conveyances, beinge founde by office to be so made or contriued by coueyne fraude or disceite, as is abovesaide, contrary to the true intent and meanninge of the said former act, & of this act: That then the king shall haue as wel the wardship of the body, and custody of the landes tenementes and hereditamentes, as luerie, primer seison, reliefe, and other profittes, which shuld or ought to apperteyne to the kinge, accordinge to the true intent and meanninge of the said former acte, & of this present acte, as though no such estates or conveyances by coueyne had neuer ben had or made, vntill the said office be lawfully vndone by traues or otherwise, And that the other loyde and lordes, of whom any suche manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes shall be holden by knights service, as is aforesaid, shall haue their remedie in such cases, for his or their wardships of bodies and landes, by writ of right of ward, and shal disteine & make auowry or conuaince by them selues or their bayliffes, for their relieffes, heriottes, and other profittes, which shulde haue be to them due, by or after the death of their tenants, as if no such estate or conveyance had be had or made, saving and reseruing alwayes, by the auctoritie aforesaid, the right and title of the donees, lessees, & devisees thereof against the said deuiseur and his heires, after the interest and title of the king or other

other lord therein ended and determined.

Provided alwaies that this acte explanation and declaration, of any of them, or any thing in this said acte explanation or declaration contained, shall not extend to the will or devise of sir John Garnisford, late of Croyshurst in the countie of Surrey, knight deceased: nor to the will or devise of sir Peter Filpot knight deceased: nor to the will or devise of richard Creswell, late of Watlington, in the countie of North, gentleman deceased, nor to the will or devise of Thomas Unton, late of the countie of Berke, gentleman deceased, son of sir Thomas Unton knight, also deceased: or shall be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, for or concerning any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, contained or specified in the said wills or devises, or in any of the, but that the said last wills and devises, and every of them, shall stande abide remaine and be in the same case force and effect in the law, to all intentes purposes and constructions as the said last wills and devises, and every of them, were before the making of this acte declaration or explanatio, and of none other effect or force: this acte declaratio & explanatio, or any of the, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstandinge.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and every person and persons, from whom the king or other lord or lordes shall take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes for his or their full third part, or to make by his or their full third part shall and may, by auctoritie of this present acte, in any of the cases aforesaid upon his or their bill, exhibited in the kinges court of Chauncery, against al and every such person & persons, which shall be intituled by or under any such wil gifte disposition or devise, to the other two parties, have such contribution or recompence for the same, as by the Chauncellour of England, or by the keeper of the great seale of Englande for the time beinge, shall be thought good and convenient.

An acte for the true making of pynnes. Cap. vi.



Provide the sleight and false making of pynnes whiche be dayly vented offered and put to sale within this realme, to the no littell hurte and damage of the kinges subiectes byers and occupiers of the same: Be it enacted by the kinges maiestie the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that no manner persō or persons from and after the first day of August now next coming, shall vent offer or put to sale by retails engrosse or otherwise, any manner of pynnes within this realme, but onely suche as shall be double headed & have the heades soldered fast to the shanke of the pinne, well smethed, the shanke well shaven, the point well and round filed canted and sharped, upon pene that every offender in that behalf shall lose and

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and forsaft fo: every. *℥*. of pynnes, not sufficiently brought & made, be-
 terred bettered or put to sale contrary to the purpose of this acte. *℥*. s. the one
 halfe of the saide forsafture to be to the kynges maiestie, & the other halfe
 to any his graces subiectes that wyl sue for the same, by byll playnte ac-
 tion of Det. insourmation, or other wyse in any court of recorde, whereto
 defendant shall not wage his law, nor any esloine protection or forrein plea
 allowed or admytted, any lawe, statute, or ordinaunce heretofore made to
 the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

2d. *℞* provided alwaies & the penaltie of the saide forsafture shall onely ex-
 tende to the betterer & seller of the saide pynnes, & not to the byer of them.
℞ provided alwaies & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no
 person or persons shall sel any pynnes above the rate or pyces, & they here-
 tofore within two yeres have ben commonly sold at, upon paine to forsaft.
vi. s. viii. d. for every. ℥. sold contrary to this provision, the moity of whi-
 che forsafture shall be to the kyng or his souteraygne lord, and the other
 moitye shall be to him or them that wyl sue for the same, by action byll
 information, or other sute in any the kynges court of recorde, in the whiche
 none esloine protection or wager of lawe shalbe admytted or allowed. This
 acte to take effect from the firste daye of January next comynge, and to
 endure to the last day of the next parliament.

℞ In act to authoryse certayne of the kynges maiesties counsaile
 to set pryses vpon wines to be solde by retayle. Cap. vii.

℞ they: most humble wyse shewen vnto the kynges maiestie, the
 lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this pre-
 sent parliament assembled, the vintners beyng onely sellers
 and retailours of wyne in all the cities, boroughes and all other
 townes where repaie of people is, and to the which the kynges subiectes
 do dayly resorte within this realme of England, that where, in the *xxviii.*
 yere of the kynges maiesties most gracious reigne, at the parliament holden
 at Westminster: It was amongst other good statutes enacted, that no
 maner of persons shulde sel by retayle any Salsopne, Gyslon, or Frenche
 wines, above eight pence the gallon, that is to saye, a peny the pynte, two
 pence the quart, foure pence the pottle, and eight pence the gallon, vpon
 payne to forsaft fo: every pynte sold contrary to the acte, *liii. pence*, every
 quart eight pence, every pottle *xii. pence*, and every gallon *xl. s.* And that
 malmeteyes, romneyes, laches, nor other sweet wynes shuld be sold by re-
 tayle above *xii. d.* the gallon, *ix. d.* the pottle, *thre. d.* the quart, *thre. hal-*
pens the pynte, vpon payne to forsaft fo: every gallon sold contrary to that
 act, *liii. s. liii. pence*: fo: every pottle *x. d.* fo: every quart *xii. pence*, and fo:
 every pynt, *ix. pence*, as in the same acte moze playnly is declared. Here-
 theles it was provided in the sayd acte that the lord Chancellor, lord Tre-
 sorer lord President of the kynges counsaile, lord Pryue Seale, and the

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two chiefe Justices, spue, foure, or thye of them, shall have auctoritte and power by their discretions, to set the pryses of all kinde of wines, that is to saye, the butte, tonne, pipe, hoggetthead, puncheon, teers, bartell, or rundelet, whan it shalbe solde in grosse: So that the same pryses limited, be written and openly proclaimed as in the said act it is likewise contained. With the making of which act such persons as vpd retails wines within the said cities, boroughes, towne, and other places within this realme, bought of the best wines of Gascon for. iiii. li. xii. s. iiii. d. the tonne at the most, of the best frenche wines for. iiii. li. p. ton, malmesyes, for. iiii. li. the but, bastardes .iii. li. vi. s. vii. pens p pipe, sakes and comnetes for five markes the butte at p most The caskes or velleles containing p same wines, being full gauged so that vpo the retailing therof againe, they mighte sell the same wyne at the ppyces lymitted in the saide acte, and had competent lypnyges for them, theyr wyues, chyliden, family and housholde. Wyth which time p said retailours of wyne ca not bye any good Gascon wines, onles they do pay to the marchant for p same after the rate of. vii. or. viii. li. sterling the tonne at the least, and every tonne of frenche wine, sex. li. sterlinges at p least, malmesyes for. v. li. the butte, sakes and comnetes .iii. li. x. s. the butte, bastardes. v. li. the pype, or spue pounce sex. s. pyght. d. And where the pype of bastarde shuld contene as much as doth p sache but, the same pype doth want of p same content twenty gallons at the least, & yetely wanteth moze & moze. And also where the malmespe butte shuld conteyne as much as the butte of sache shuld do, the malmespe but likewise wanteth of his true content. xii. or xvi. gallons. And albeit p byers of said wines may, by the saide acte of parliament, allowe them selues vpon the payment of theyr money for the same, yet p marchaunt in no wise will sell his wines, onles the biers do indent, prompse, and couenaunte with the sayde marchant, or other wyle bynd them selfe, that they shall take none aduantage of the said act of gaugynge. For all whiche causes pour suppliantes can not sell and retayle the saide kyndes of wyne, at such pise and pryses, as is in the sayde acte expresse, and lye vpon the same, but be thereby vterly impoueryshed and vndone, onles ocher remedye by this hyghe court be for the refourmacpon therof spedely prouyded. In tender consideration wherof the premysles consyderynge, and also for that the wyne called Muscadels is reputed and taken for swete wyne, and ought to be retayled at suche ppyce as other wyne, called swete wyne, be mencioned in the saide acte, the saide retaylour can not bye that kynde of wyne, vnder, fyftene or sextene pounce the tonne. For refourmacpon wherof yf may please the kynges hyghnes, and the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritte of the same, that it maye be enacted and establisshed, that suche Lordes, as by the sayde former acte, haue auctoritte and power to sette ppyces of wyne in grosse, shall by vertue and force of thys Acte, haue the same auctoritte to mytygate, and enhaunce the ppyce of wyne, hereafter to be solde

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to be done by statute as often as time and occasion shall require: any thinge
in the said former acte contained to the contrarye therof not withstanding.
And their said prices, ordinaunces, after proclamation thereof made, to be
observed and kept, upon payne of penaltie in the same proclamacions con-
tained. The moite of all which penalties to be to the kynge our soveraigne
sovereign, and the other moite to the partie that will sue for the same in any of
the kinges courtes of recorde by bill, plaint, or information: in the which
no wages of lawe, escheque, or protection, shalbe allowed. This acte to endure
to the ende of the next parliament.

An acte that personnes beinge no common Surgions may
minister outward medicines. Cap. viii.

VWhere in the parliament holden at Westm. in the iii. yere of the kinges
most gracious reigne, amongst other thinges for the aduoydyng of
sorceries, witchcraft, and other inconueniencies, it was enacted, that no
person within the cite of London, nor within viii. miles of the same, shulde
take upon him to exercise or occupie as physician or surgion, excepte he be
first examined approued & admitted by the bishop of London or other, un-
der & upon certain peines & penalties in the same act mentioned. Wherens
the making of which said act, the company & fellowship of surgions of Lon-
don, mindinge onely their owne lures, & nothinge the profit or ease of the
diseased or patient, haue sued troubled, & vexed, diuers honest persons as
well men as women, whom god hath endued with the knowledge of the na-
ture kinde, & operation of certain herbes, rootes, and waters, & the vsinge
and ministering of the, to such as ben peined with custonable diseases: as
womens brestes bringe soze, a pyn and the web in the eye, vicromes of handes,
scaldinges, burninges, soze mouthes, the stone, strangury, saucellum, &
moxeto, and such other like diseases. And yet the said persons haue not ta-
ken any thing for their peines or cunning, but haue ministered the same to
the poore people only for neighbourhode & goddes sake, & of pitie & chari-
tie. And it is now well known, that the surgions admitted wol do no cure
to any person, but where they shall know to be rewarded with a greater
summe or rewarde than the cure extendeth vnto, for in case they wolde mi-
nister their cunninge to soze people unrewarded, there shulde not so many
rotte, and petishe to death for lacke of helpe of surgery as dayly do: but
the greatest part of surgions admitted ben much more to be blamed, than
those personnes that they trouble. For although the most parte of the per-
sons of the said craft of surgions haue small cunninge, yet they will take
great summes of money, & do lytle therfore, and by reason therof they do
often tymes impaire and hurt their patientes, rather then do them good.
In consideration wherof, and for the ease, comforte, succour, helpe, releyf &
helth, of the kinges poore subiectes, inhabitants of this his realme now
perished or diseased, or that hereafter shalbe peined or displeased, Be it ordey-
ned, established and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament,

That

that at all tyme from henceforth it shall be lefull to every person beyng of the Kinges subiecte, hauinge knowlege & experience of the nature of herbes, cotes, and waters, or of the operatiō of the same, by speculation or practise within any parte of the realme of Englande, or within any other the Kinges dominions, to practise, vse and minister in and to any outward sores, vncom, wounde, appostemations, outward swellinge or disease, any herbe or herbes, opyntmentes, bathes, pultes and emplasters, accordinge to their cunnynge, experience and knowlege in any of the diseases sores and maladies befoze saide, & all other like to the same, or drinks for the stone stranguer, or agues, without sute, vexacion, trouble, penaltie, or losse of their goodes, the foresaide statute in the foresaide thirde yere of the Kinges most gracious reigne, or any other acte ordinaunce or statute to the contrary hereof, heretofore made, in any wise notwithstandinge.

An acte for the preservation of the ryuer of Seuerne. Cap. ix

Vhere diuers persons, aswell inhabitauntes fermers and dwellers nere vnto the streame of Seuerne, & vnto p.rikes & pilles of the same from Kingrode vpwarde towarde the citie and towne of Gloucestre, conueieth and carieth graine & coine out of the realme of Englande, vnto the parties beyonde the sea, where graines are very deere, & now of late tyme haue made picardes & other great botes, with foze malkes, of the burden of .xv. ton and so to .xxvi. ton. And by reason therof, wheat, rie, beanes, barley, malte, & other kinde of graines by stealth are conueied in to the vtter parties beyonde the sea, so that thereby the Kinges maiestie is not only decciued of his subsidie and custome for the same, but it causeth at such times wheate graine and other kinde of coine, as is aforesaide, to be at high prices. And by the same meanes th inhabitantes within the said citie or towne of Wylloll, are often and sundrie times destitute & shant may haue graine or coine to serue the Kinges obedient subiectes there dwellinge and inhabitinge. And also by reason of hauinge of the saide great botes & vesselles oftentimes diuers shippes, aswell of the parties beyond the sea, as other of engllthe shippes, lienge in Kingrode and Hungrode, beyngre portes or hauens of the citie or towne of Wylloll, aforesaide, distaunt fyue miles or therabout from the said towne of Wylloll, awaiting and tarieng there, the comming of the saide great botes with coine and graine downe Seuerne, who there dischargith the graine & coine aboard the said ships at Kingrode. By reason wherof the saide ships & other vesselles, there tarieng for the receipt of the said graine & coine, do then cast out their balast of stones and other robull of balast of their said ships and vesselles, into the said roides & hauens of Hungrode & Kingrode, and there lodith the said graine or coine in the ships & vesselles to the great distruction, & in continuance to thirre vndoing of the said roides and hauens. So that the mouthe & hole channel of the saide haven is so heaped and quarred with stones and robull of balastes of the shippes and botes there attriuinge, that great shippes, whiche

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Wherby the course of marchandise to the said towne of Wytholl from the parties beyonde the sea, & fro the said towne laden with marchandise unto the better parties, may safely & surely come unto the kinges said port and towne of Wytholl and the river of the same, and so from the said port and towne of Wytholl unto the said Shewerne, without great daungier & perill. And by that meanes shippes of great burthen are like to be distressed and utterly to be cast away, & if contrary be not the sooner had therin, it will be to the utter destruction of the haven & port of the said towne of Wytholl, which said towne of Wytholl is chiefly maintained by course of marchandise. Wherfore it may please the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctorite of the same, to enacte make and ordeine, that after the laste daye of July next cominge, no maister of maisters, owner of owners of ship or ships, or of any other bote or vessel, or any other person or persons, do cast or unlode their balast or robull at or in the saide rode called Kingrode and Hungrode nor in any of them ne in any other place fro the rode of Kingrode unto the towne of Wytholl, nor in no parte of the haven therof, but on the lande only above the full sea marke, upon pain that every suche owner maister of ship or of other bote or vessel, and of every other person or persons, casting and laying their balast or robull in the streame, at the place or in the river afoze said, to forfait at every time so offendinge .iiii. li. the one halfe therof to be to our soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other half therof to the partie that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes of recorde, as well within courtes of recorde within cities and townes corporate, before the maires aldermen shireffes & bayliffes according to their corporation, as elles wher in any the kinges courtes of recorde, by bill plaint action of dette information or otherwise, in the which action the defendant shal not wage his law neither pet no protection or escoin to be allowed.

And further that it may be enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that no person or persons from henceforth shal embode or lade, or cause to be emboded or laden, any wheate maile benes, or any other kinde of graine or coine, what so ever it shalbe, in any picard bote or other vessel, at any crche pile banke or els wher upō the Shewerne streame, betwene the key of the citie of Gloucester & the said citie or towne of Wytholl by water of Shewerne, to thintent to be transported into better parties beyond the sea out of the kinges dominion before the said owner or lader of the said picard bote or other vessel, hath ben with the kinges customers of the said towne of Wytholl, & there by him selfe & one sufficient surety to him, bounden unto the kinges customers of the said port & towne of Wytholl aforesaid, in such reasonable sumes of monye to the use of our said soueraign lord the king, as shal amount to the double value of the said graine or coine ther to be laden or to be emboded, upō condicion that the said owner or maister of the said picard or bote or other vessel shal not repaire nor transport the said corn or graine, nor no part therof into any better parties beyond the sea out of the kinges dominion, before the said maister owner therof

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shall come and bringe the saide graine and coine vnto the hey of the saide towne of Bristoll and there to be victualled or sene the contentes therof, and the contentes therof to be declared vnto the hinges customers & to the maire of the said towne for the time beinge, if there be any such licence or lawfull cause for to conuey or transpoyt grain or coine into the parties beyond the sea out of the said hinges dominion, there to be measured and mette by the comon measure of the said towne. And after the said obligation with condition so made sealed and deliuered vnto the said customer: Then the said customer shall deliuer a sufficient cockette vnto the party owner or owners, or maister so bounden to conuey the saide graine or coine vnto the hey of Bristoll, vpon paine that every picarde boote or other vessell so laden with graine or other kinde of coine, to be carried or transpoyted in to the better parties beyond the sea out of the hinges dominion, to be forsafterd, as well the saide coine and graine so laden, as the saide boote so laden contrary vnto this present acte, wherof the hinge our soueraigne lord to haue the thre partes therof, and the partie that will sue for the same the fourth parte, before the hinges most honorable counsaile accordinge to the hinges proclamation in that behalfe made and provided.

¶ And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that if it shall apere vpon the measuring therof, vnto the maire of the said towne of Bristoll, & to the hinges customers then for the time beinge, that there is more coine or graine loded to be transpoyted into the parties beyond the sea, within any of the said vessels bootes picardes or trolies, ouer and aboue foure quarters: that than it shalbe lesfull vnto the saide maire and customers there for the time beinge, to cause the owner or chauer therof vnto the said towne of Bristoll, to make sale of such coine and graine, as shall be brought ouer and aboue the contentes of the saide cocket or licence, and ouer and aboue foure quarters besyde the cocket or licence, accordinge as the prices of such graine and coine are commonly worth and sold in the open market of the said towne of Bristoll. The said comon meater to haue for the measuring of every way of coine. it. s. on paine of every person, bringe owner of the said graine or coine, or hauing the charge of the same, denieng the measuringe of the said graine at the said hey of Bristoll, to lose and forsaite for every time so denieng. v. s. the one halfe therof to be to our said soueraigne lord the hinge, & the other halfe therof to be to the partie that will sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action of dette informacion or otherwise: In the whiche action the defendaunt shall not wage his laue, nor protection nor essone allowed.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie abovesaid, that no person or persons after the first day of August next coming, do cast or unlade out of any manner of ship, crayer, or any other vessell, being within any haven rode channell or riuer, flowing or running to any port towne, or to any citie borough or towne within this realme, or any other the hinges dominions any manner of balast rubbishy grayell or any other wacke, or filth, but ouerly vpon the

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the lande above the full sea marke, upon peyn that every person and persons offending this acte, to lose & forfeit for every time so offending, stand pounes, the one half to the kinge our soueraigne lord, & the other halfe therof, to such person and persons, as will sue for the same, by bill plainte originall writte or information in any the kinges courtes of recorde, in which action or sute no wages of law shalbe admitted, nor any eschoine or protection allowed.

An acte for the true making of couerlettes in yorke. Cap. i.

Where as the cite of yorke, being one of the auncient and greatest cities within the realme of Englande, afore this time hath ben mainteyned and upholden by dyvers and sundry handycraftes there used, and moost principallie by makinge and weyving of couerlettes and couerynges for beddes, and thereby a greates number of the inhabitants and poore people of the saide cite suburbs therof and other places within the countie of yorke, haue ben dayly set on worke in spinninge cardinge dýnge weyvinge, & otherwile concerninge the making of them, to the great commoditie of the inhabitants and poore people of the saide cite, hauing therby honest livinges and not made els where in any parte of the same countie. For the true substantiall & perfect making wherof many good and beneficiall ordinaunces and ordres haue ben deuised and made, as well for the good stufte concerning the said couerlettes and couerynges, as also for the length and bredth of them and otherwise: of the which couerlettes and couerynges the best sorte shuld & ought by the same ordinaunces, to containe in lengthe, iii. yardes, and in bredth ii. yardes, and a quarter at the least. The second sorte to containe in length iii. yardes and in bredth ii. yardes. And the lowest or thirde sort shuld conteyne ii. yardes and a halfe in length, & in bredth one yarde and, iii. quarters, vnder paine of forfeiture of the same, the one halfe and moity of the said forfeiture to be to the maye & commonaltie of the saide city, and the other moity to be to the wardens and company of the said handycrafte of couerlette makers. And for as much as the same couerlettes & couerynges were well and substantially made and wrought, the kinges subiectes of diuers parties of the realme, and also straungers of other forein realmes, knowing the goodnes of them, were very desirous to haue & bye the saide couerlettes & couerynges: And now of late diuers and sundry puell disposed persons apprentices not expert in the same occupation, with drawinge them selves out of the said cite of yorke into the countie of yorke, & other places theraboutes, and also diuers other persons, inhabiting in villages and townes within the said countie, and nigh to the same, entremedyng with the same craft or occupation, hauinge litle experience therein, not being bound to the said rules and ordinaunces, do dayly make couerlettes and couerynges, neither of good stufte nor of good assise length or bredth,

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And for the utterance of the same, be daily the craft & subtiltie of haukinge abroad in the country, to villages and to mens houses, putting the same naughty wares to sale secretly, not onely to the great impoverishing of the inhabitauntes of the said cite, & also to the great disceit of the kinges true and faithfull subiectes, being the said couerlettes, to the great defaminge and seilaunder of the said handp craft, but also to the impoverishing of the inhabitauntes of the said cite, and bitter decay of the same, yf remedie the soner here in be not prouided. It may therefore please our soueraine lord the king, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, that it may be enacted, by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, dwelling and inhabiting within the said countie of York, or nigh vnto the same, shall after the feast of Saint Michael tharchangel nexte comminge, make any couerlettes or coueringes, to be put to sale, onlesse such person or persons, after the said feast, be inhabiting or dwelling within the cite of York, or within the suburben of the same, vpon pain of forfaiture of euery such couerlet or couering, made wroughte and put to sale, contrary to the tenoure of this estatute, or the value thereof.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the said auctoritie, that no maner of person or persons, of the occupation or handp craftes men of coueringes or couerlet makers, dwelling within the said cite of York, or the suburben of the same or els where within the said countie, shall from and after the said feast, vse the said craft of hauking, or go as haukers, or put to sale any couerlettes in any other place or places, out of the said cite and liberties thereof, but only in the open markettes and faires, vpon peyn of forfaiture of the same couerlettes and coueringes, or the value thereof: The one half of the said forfaitures, if it be in any cite borough or towne corporate, to be to the maiere and cominaltie bailiffe gouernour or other ruler, and cominaltie of euery such cite borough or towne corporate, auctorised to haue the same by graunt or prescription, or otherwise lawfully: & the other half thereof to suche person or persons, as shall seise or sue for the same by bill plainte action information or otherwise in any court of recoorde, wherein no wager of lawe bylatoye plea or protection shall be allowed or admitted. And yf the said forfaiture happen to be taken or founde out of any the said cities townes or boroughes, hauing no such auctoritie: then the one moitie of the said forfaiture to be to our souerain lord the king, his heires and successours: and the other moitie to such person and persons, as wil sue for the same, in any of the kinges courtes in fourme aforesaide.

¶ And be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the wardens and serghes of the said occupation and handp craftes of couerlettes & coueringes makers, within the said cite of York, for the time beyng, and their successours, shall after the said feast of Saint Michael haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this act, to make serch in all faires & markettes, fro Trent northwarde within this realme of Englande, for all such
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conceitres and coveringes, as shalbe put to sale, not being wel and suffici-
ently wrought, & made of sufficient stuffe, or not containing the assises be-
fore limited & expressed, according to the tenor of this acte, and so lease &
take the same as forfeited. The one moiety and halfe of such forfeiture,
if any such shalbe out of þe saide cities boroughes or townes corporate, to
be to our soueraigne lord the kinge, & the other moiety therof to the saide
searchers and wardens, that shal lease and take the same: to be had and
recovered in like maner and forme, as is above expressed.

Envouided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to every person and persons,
dwelling within the countie of Yorke, at their free will and pleasure as
all tymes here after, to make conceitres, of what assise, or of what so ever
stuffe they will for their owne use or store of their households, or for their
lordes, to whom they be tenants: And alwayes that the same conceitres
so made shal not be put to sale. And also that when and as often as the
said searchers or wardens of the occupation of conceit makers of the sayd
citie of Yorke, shal make serche in any libertie or franchises within the
said countie, for any the causes in the saide acte mentioned: That then &
so often they shal require the head officer of the same libertie and fran-
chises, or his deputie, to be aiding and assisting, and also to go with them
to make the said serch. And if the same officer or his deputie, upon request
so made refuse or wyl not so do, that then upon such default and refusell,
the same searchers or wardens, to make serch them selves: any thinge in
this acte contained to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Envouided also, that the lordes of the saide libertie & franchises, where
any such serches shalbe made by auctorite of this acte, shal have such fy-
nes and forfeitures, as of right they ought to have, by reason of any such
serches, in as large & ample maner, as they ought have had the same be-
fore the making of this acte, & as if this act had never ben had nor made.

An acte for the true making of Frieses and Cottons in Wales. Cap. xi.

For as moch as the inhabitants clothmakers, that dwell within the
townes & boroughes of Caermethin shire, Cardigan shire, & Debyohn
shire, have used in times past to make their cloth, called welsh Fries, and
Cotton called welsh cotton, to the great profit of all the kinges subiectes
of this realme, that is to say, every pece called a high Fries rawe, shuld be
made of. liiii. li. yarm, and shuld containe in length. xlii. yarden, & in bredth
one yarde one quarter: and every halfe pece high Fries, shuld wey. xxvii.
li. and conteigne in length. xlii. yarden rawe, and in bredth one yarde one
quarter. And that every pece cotton shulde wey, beinge rawe. lxviii. li. of
haberdepouise, & conteigne in length. xliiii. yarden, and in bredth. v. quarters
i. nael, wout any straining. And þe every half pece cotton shuld wey. xxxiii.
pounde, & conteigne in length. xliiii. yarden, & in bredth. v. quarters & i. nael.

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Whiche true and good making of felles and Cottons hath by this longe
time decayed and extinguished, and yet is, in the great decay and ruine of
all the saide townes and boroughes, and also to the great scandle and
hinderaunce of all good true clothiers, inhabiting within the same, and al-
so to the great hurt and prejudice of all the kinges subiectes, which do by
the same. And the principall ground and occasion thereof is, that the Clo-
thiers, Tuckers, Weavers, and such other, that were wont to inhabite within
the saide townes and boroughes, and there to make true felles and cot-
tons, both in length and breadth, be now come forciners, husbandmen, and
Graziers, dwelling in the countrey out of the saide townes of Caermethen,
Cardigan, and Pembroke, and other borough townes aforesaid: and
there to make their owne wolle in felles and Cottons, after the most false
and deceitfull manner, that may be, and the same do carry from place to
place, to be sold, to the great disrepute and hinderaunce of all the kinges loy-
ning subiectes, and to the great scandle of all true cloth makers within
all the saide townes and boroughes. For remedie and reformation wherof,
Be it enacted by the kinge our soveraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and
temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by
auctorite of the same: that after the first day of June next coming, which
shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. CCC. C. clxxxv. no manner of person
within the saide thre shires of Caermethen, Cardigan, and Pembroke, do
make any raw felles, called welsh felles, or any cottons, called welsh cottons
to be sold in any faire and market, or elles wheres in any other place, unles
every pece felles, called a high felles rawe, be made of true wolle, without
flore or thorn, weying in parne lxxv. li. of halberdepoise, at the least, and
containing in length. xlvi. yardes rawe, and in breadth one yarde one quar-
ter. And that every halfe pece felles high, shall wey. xxvii. li. and containe in
length. xxiii. yardes, and in breadth one yarde one quarter. And that every
pece cotton rawe, shall wey. lxxviii. li. of parne at the least, without flore or
thorn, and containe in length. xlvi. yardes, and in breadth one yarde one quar-
ter and one nael. And that every half pece cotton shall wey. xxxiii. li. of parne
without flore or thorn, and containe in length. xxiii. yardes, and in breadth
one quarter and one nael, upon paine to forfeit every pece a halfe pece felles:
and every pece cotton a half pece cotton, so put to sale contrary to the true
meaning intent and purpose of this present acte: The one halfe of which
forfeiture to be to the king our soveraigne lord, and the other halfe to
him and them, that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes wher
in no other wages of law nor protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Provided also, that this acte shall take effect after the feast of the
purification of our Ladie next comminge, and not before.

¶ In acte
of the kinge our soveraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same: that after the first day of June next coming, which shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. CCC. C. clxxxv. no manner of person within the saide thre shires of Caermethen, Cardigan, and Pembroke, do make any raw felles, called welsh felles, or any cottons, called welsh cottons to be sold in any faire and market, or elles wheres in any other place, unles every pece felles, called a high felles rawe, be made of true wolle, without flore or thorn, weying in parne lxxv. li. of halberdepoise, at the least, and containing in length. xlvi. yardes rawe, and in breadth one yarde one quarter. And that every halfe pece felles high, shall wey. xxvii. li. and containe in length. xxiii. yardes, and in breadth one yarde one quarter. And that every pece cotton rawe, shall wey. lxxviii. li. of parne at the least, without flore or thorn, and containe in length. xlvi. yardes, and in breadth one yarde one quarter and one nael. And that every half pece cotton shall wey. xxxiii. li. of parne without flore or thorn, and containe in length. xxiii. yardes, and in breadth one quarter and one nael, upon paine to forfeit every pece a halfe pece felles: and every pece cotton a half pece cotton, so put to sale contrary to the true meaning intent and purpose of this present acte: The one halfe of which forfeiture to be to the king our soveraigne lord, and the other halfe to him and them, that will sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes wher in no other wages of law nor protection shalbe allowed.

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In acte for paupage of landes and strettes in London
and Westminster. Capl. xli.

For as muche as the strette, called White crosse strette, and the strette called Cheshill strette, leadinge from Whitecrosse strette, vnto the highe waye, leadinge to Doregate, the lane called Golding lane, and the strette called Scrubstrette, in the parishes of saint Giles without Cripulgate: The strette called Goswell strette, in the parishes of saint Botolphes without Aldersgate: the lane called Longe lane, beinge in the parishes of sainte Botulph without Aldersgate, and sainte Sepulchres without Newgate: The strette called sainte Iohns strette, leadinge from the barres of Smithfelde, vp to the ponde at the corner of the wall, extendinge along the highe waye, leadinge to Islington: And also the strette from the saide barres to Cowcross: The lane called Water lane in Fleetstrette, in the parishes of saint Bride and saint Dunstan, leadinge downe to Thames: the waye leadinge without Temple barres westwarde, by & vnto Clementes Inne gates, & new Inne gates, to Dytch place in the countie of Midd. And also one litle lane, stretchinge from the sayde waye, to the signe of the bell at Dytch lane ende, and the comon highe waye, leadinge through a certein place, called petite Francee, from the barres of the Weste ende of Torchill strette of Westminster, in the countie of Midd, vnto the bittermoste parte of the West ende of the said place, called petite Francee: the strette or highe waye leadinge from bishops gate, to and aboute Shorditch church, and the bydge called Strond bydge, and the waye leadinge from the same bydge, towarde Temple barre: And the lane called Foskue lane, from the garden and tenement of the bishop of Lychfelde, and the gardens and tenementes, called the bell & proctours, downe to Stronde bydge, be very foule and full of pyttes and sloughes, very petillous and noyouse, as well for all the kinges subiectes, thorough and by them repayinge and passinge, as well on horse backe as on fote, as also with cartage, and very necessarpe to be kepte cleane, for the auoydng of corrupte saours and occasion of pestilence. For the amendement and reformation wherof it may please the kinges highnesse, with thassent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, & of his commons in this his high courte of parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that it may be ordeyned, established, and enacted, that all and euery person and persons bodie polittique and corporate, whiche now haue, or at any time hereafter shal haue any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of life, for terme of yeres, or by reason of the wardship of any heire duringe the nonage of the same heire, or by execution by writ of Elegit, or for any estatute estaple, lying & beinge adioyninge to the foresaid strettes lanes & wayes, or any of them, shall on this side the feast of saint Michell tharchangel, which shall be in the yere of our lord god M. D. lliiii. well and sufficiently paue or cause to be paued, with good pauing stones

stones, all and every part of the said streets lanes and other the premises before expressed, every man such parte and quantitie of the same lanes streets and wayes, vnto the middes of them and euery of them, in lengthe and breadeth, as his or their landes or tenementes do lye or extende in like maner and forme, as the streets and lanes within the cite of London be paved, with causeys or canels in the middes of the same streets, lanes, and wayes, as shalbe thought most necessarie and convenient, vpon paine e- uery person in his owne defaulte to forsaite for euery yerde square of the same streets, lanes & wayes & euery of them, not sufficiently paved, before the feast of saynt Michell. xii. pens. And that all and every suche persons hauinge or which hereafter shall haue lides or tenementes in fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of life or otherwaie as is aforesaide, absoynge or lyenge to and next either side of the same streets, lanes and wayes, or any of them, their heires, assignes, or successours, after and from the said feast of saynt Michell, shall perely mappe, line and repaire the same pauementes and euery of them, ouer againe his said landes and tenementes, well and sufficiently from time to time, as often and when as neede shall require at all tymes hereafter with paving stone, vpon payne to forsaite for euery yerde square, not sufficiently paved. xii. pens. as often as any suche defaulte of any person shalbe presented before the Iustices of peac within the said countie of Midd, for that parte of the said streets, lanes and wayes beynge within the said countie of Midd. And before the mayre, and the aldermen or Iustices of the peac, within the cite of London, for that whiche is within the liberties of the said cite.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the said Iustices of peac, within the said countie of Midd, for the time being, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to inquire in euery their quarter sessions, to be kept after the saide feast of saynt Michell, by the othes of twelue men of the saide countie, as well of them that haue not paved suche parte or portion of the said streets, lanes, wayes and euery of them, being within the saide countie, ouer agaynst and alonge vnto the middes of the same streets, lanes, and wayes, as their landes and tenementes do lye or extende, as also of such persons as haue ben remisse and negligent in amendinge and repayinge the same streets, lanes, and wayes, from time to time as neede shall require, according to the meaning of this acte.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Iustices of peac, within the saide countie of Midd, for the time beinge, within their iurisdiction, shall haue full power and auctoritie by their discretions to amerce and set fines vpon suche persons as shalbe remisse negligent, or make defaulte in the obseruing of the tenour of this act. And yf the said Iustices of peac, within the saide countie of Midd, or the mayre and aldermen & Iustices of peac of the said cite of London, at any their quarter sessions, after the saide feast of saynt Michell, to be holden and kepte within the said countie of Midd, by the Iustices of peac of the same countie

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the: of the maire aldermen & Justices of peac of the said citie of London: at any thei quarter sessions, or enquestes of wardencie, kept wthin the said citie of London, be negligent & remisse on their pties, to charge by the othe of xi. men suche persons, to find & present the said defaultes & negligences of all parsons offendinge, contrary to the meaning of this acte: then the said Justices of peac wthin the saide countie of Midd, beinge present at the same quarter sessions, to lose & forfait for every tyme so neglectinge the same charge. C. s. And in like wise the maye aldermen and Justices of peac of London, to lose and forfait for every lyke defaulte and neglectinge. C. s.

¶ And be it further enacted by the said auctorite, that the clerke of peac of the said countie of Midd, for the tyme beinge, shall from time to time, certifie unto the kinges Escheher, as wel all such fines & forfeitures, so assessed wthin the said countie, lost & forfeited before the said justices in Midd, to the vse of the kinges highnes and his heires, And the barons of the sayde Escheher to make out proces by distresse to be taken & leuied vpon the said landes and tenementes, or other wise by thei discretions, as well for the saide fines assessed, as also for the said forfeitures & penalties before limited. And if the clerke of the peac wthin the said countie of Midd, be remisse and negligent in making such certifiat, or doing his dutie accordyng to this acte: then the same clerke to lose and forfait for every suche defaulte. v l. The one halfe thereof to be to the vse of the kinges highnes, and thother halfe to any of the kinges subiectes, that woll sue for the same in any of the kinges courtes, by bill, action, information, or otherwise: wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, or protection, shall lie for the defendant.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that 4 maire aldermen and Justice of peac wthin the said cytie of London & suburbs of the same, or iiii. of them, wherof the maire to be one, by vertue of this acte, shall haue full power and auctoritie, from time to time, to set fines and amerciamentes of all and singular person and persons, for not pauing & repairing of any of the said stretes, lanes, or high waies, wthin the saide citie and liberties of the same, which now be pauid, or hereafter shalbe by force of this acte, pauid: and the same fines & amerciamentes to be leuied by distresse plaint or action wthin the said citie, by the chamberleine of the saide cytie for the tyme beinge, to the vse of the maire and cominaltie of the said citie and thei successors, as other fines and amerciamentes for any other matter or cause wthin the said citie haue ben vsed and accustomed.

¶ Provided also aies, that if any the inhabitantes of such lades or tenementes do sufficiently repaire & paue before their mansions & dwelling places, the said stretes, lanes, & high waies: that then every such inhabitant, by force of this act, shall defaulte, abate, & retaine in his handes, as moche of rent due to his lessour, as he can proue to haue expended in and about the same payngte & repairinge: and the lessour for so moche money, as suche summe doth amount vnto, to haue no action reentre nor other remedy for none payement of the same, onles it shalbe otherwise agreed betwene them.

In acte for knyghtes and burgeses to haue places in the parliament
for the countie Palatine and cite of Chester. Cap. xiii.



A most humble wyle shewen vnto your most excellent
maiestie, th inhabitantes of your graces countie Pa-
latine of Chester, that where the said countie Palatine
of Chester is and hath ben alwayes hitherto, exempte,
excluded and separated out and from your high courts
of parliamente, to haue any knyghtes and burgeses
within the saide courte: By reason wherof the sayde
inhabitauntes haue hitherto susteyned manyfolde dysherisons losses and
damages, as well in theyr landes goodes and bodyes, as in the good
ciuile and politike gouernance and mayntenaunce of the common welth
of theyr sayde countrey. And for as moche as the sayde inhabitauntes
haue alwayes bytherto ben bounden by the actes and statutes made and
ordeyned by your sayde highnes, and your mooste noble progenytours, by
auctoritie of the saide courte, as farforth as other counties cyties and bo-
roughnes haue ben, that haue had theyr knyghtes and burgeses within
your sayde courte of parliament, and yet haue had neyther knight ne bur-
gesse there, for the sayd countie Palatine, the said inhabitauntes for lacke
therof, haue ben oftentimes touched and greued with actes and statutes,
made within the saide courte, as well derogatiue vnto the moost auncient
iurisdictions liberties and priuileges of your saide countie Palatine, as
preiudicall vnto the common welth, quietnes, rest, and peace of your gra-
ces most bounden subiectes, inhabitinge within the same, for remedy wher-
of it may please your sayde highnes that it be enacted, with the assent of
the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present par-
liament assembled, and by thaurtoritie of the same, that from thende of
this present session, the sayde countie Palatine of Chester shall haue two
knyghtes for the saide countie Palatine, and likewise two cythens to be
burgeses for the cite of Chester, to be electe and chosen by procelle, to be
awarded by the chauncellour of Englands, vnto the chamberlayne of Che-
ster, his lieutenant or deputie for the tyme beyng: And so lyke procelle
to be made by the sayde chamberlayne, his lieutenant or deputie to the
Shireffe of the sayde countie of Chester: And the same election to be made
vnder lyke maner and forme, to all intentes constructions and purposes,
as is vled within the countie Palatine of Lancastre, or any other coun-
tie and cytie within this realme of Englands, whiche sayde knyghtes and
burgeses, and euery of them so elected and chosen, shall be retourned
by the said Shireffe into the chauncery of Englands in due fourme, and v-
pon lyke paynes as it is ordeined, that the Shireffe or Shireffes of any other
countie within this realme, shulde make their retourne in case like. And
whiche saide knyghtes and burgeses, and euery of them so elected and re-
tourned, shalbe knyghtes & burgeses of the courts of parliament, & haue
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lyke boyce and auctoritie, to all intents and purposes, as any other the knightes & burgesles of the said court of parliament, haue, vse, & enioye. And in likewise shall and may take all and every suche lyke liberties, advantages, dignities, priuileges, wages, fees, and commodities: concerning this said court of parliament, to all intents constructions, and purposes, as any other the knightes and burgesles of the saide court, shall, may or ought to haue, take or enioye.

¶ And also where it is, and hath ben vied within the saide countie Palatine, that vpo the suggestion of any person, that is or hath ben indebted to any other person or persons, commynge to the Eschequer within the sayd countie Palatine, and there takinge a corporall othe, that he or they shall paye his or their creditours at suche tyme as he or they shall be able thereto thowpers of the saide Eschequer haue vied without warraunt, to graunt out of the same Eschequer a wyte in nature of a protection, whereby the saide creditours haue ben and be greatly delayed, and in maner defrauded of their saide debtes, to the great impouertisement and vndoing of the said creditours. For refozmatio wherof it may also please your saide hyghnes, that it be enacted, by chauncerie afoze saide, that no suche wyte of course, without a speciall warraunt from your saide hyghnes, your heires or successours, contempnyng any suche protection, be fro the first day of October, whiche shall be in the yere of our loyde, God W. CCCCC. xliii. graunted, But that all and every suche wyttes of course, after the saide daye to be graunted, to be voyde and of none effecte. Any custome vse or priuilege, to the contrary hereof not withstandinge.

¶ In acte for the certificat of conuictes to be made
in to the kinges benche. Cap. xliii.

Where befoze this tyme diuers persons haue ben endyted, arraigned, and atteynted, & some of them clerkes conuict, and some of them clerkes attainted, and some of them outlawed for murder, burgulary, robbery, and other felonies, befoze Justices of the peace, Justices of gaole deliuerie, and Justices of oyer and determiner, within diuers cyties, countie, franchises, and libertie within this realme. The recorde of whiche atteynders, dilatorie, and conuictions often and many tymes by negligence of the clerke of the crowne, clerkes of peace, clerkes of assise and suche other, as haue had the odyr, rule, keepinge, and gouernaunce of the same recorde, haue ben imbecyled, and not redy to be objected agaynst suche persons, as haue bene newly arraigned befoze our soueraigne loyde the kynge in his benche, or befoze other the kinges Justices for like and suche other offences by them committed or done. And for that it hath not bene knowne certeynly, whither to refoze for the same recorde, because they were not certified in to any place certayne, By reason wherof sometime suche persons and lyke of

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fendours whiche haue ben newly arraigned, as is befoze saide, haue had
 the benefyt of his oꝝ their clergie, where they ought not ne shulde haue
 had the same, yf the sayde recoꝝdes had ben then pꝛesent in the same place,
 where suche personne oꝝ persons were so newly arraigned, oꝝ els certified
 into some other place certeyne, where the same recoꝝdes mought haue
 ben sene, sent foꝝ, oꝝ wyten, foꝝ to haue ben objected agaynst suche per-
 son oꝝ persons so newly arraigned. Wherby as well the kynge our soue-
 raygne loꝝde, as also all other persons, haue many times lost theyꝝ ex-
 chetes and other aduantages, and foꝝsaptures, that they shulde haue
 had by meane of the saide attaynders, to the great losses, bothe of our saide
 loꝝde the kynge, and other persons, and also the same offendours haue
 had theyꝝ clergie, where they ought not so to haue had, to the great boldnes
 and encouragynge of lyke offendours. In consyderation wherof, be it
 enacted by the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde, the loꝝdes spirituall and
 tempozall and the commons in this parliamente assembled, and by the
 auctorite of the same, that the Clerke of the crowne, Clerke of the
 peace, and clerkes of assyse foꝝ the tyme beyng, where any suche attayn-
 der, outlawyꝝ, oꝝ conuycion shall so be had, shall from the feast of Pen-
 tecoste nexte commynge, not onely certifie a transcrippte, byscrype and
 in fclwe woꝝdes, conteynyng the tenoure and effecte of euery suche
 indytemente, outlawyꝝ, conuycion, and clerke attaynted, befoze them so
 to be had, made, oꝝ pꝛonounced, that is to saye, the name, surname, and
 addycion of euery suche personne and persons as shall be so indyted, and
 therbypon outlawed, conuycied, oꝝ clerke attaynted, and the certaynty
 of the sayde felony oꝝ other offence, wherbypon he oꝝ they shall be so out-
 lawed, conuycied, oꝝ clerke attaynted, and the daye and place of his out-
 lawyꝝ, conuycion, and attaynder, and the daye and place, where and
 whan the sayde felony oꝝ other offence, wherbypon the sayde person oꝝ
 persons shall be so indyted, outlawed, conuycied, oꝝ clerke attaynted, shall
 be made and done, befoze the kynge our soueraygne loꝝde in his benche at
 Westmynster in the countie of Midd, there to remayne of recoꝝde foꝝ
 euer amonge other the kynges recoꝝdes there, within fourtye dayes nexte
 after any such attaynder, conuycion, oꝝ outlawyꝝ shall be had, made oꝝ
 pꝛonounced yf the terme be than, and yf not, than within twenty dayes
 nexte after the begynnyng of the terme nexte folowynge the sayde fourtye
 dayes, but also shall deliuer a transcrippte of euery suche indytemente, where-
 bypon the sayde person and persons shall fortune hereafter so to be conuyc-
 ed, oꝝ clerkes attaynted, to the ordinary, to whom the body of the sayde
 person oꝝ persons shall be committed, at the time that the sayde person oꝝ
 persons shall be so committed. The sayde ordinary payynge to euery suche
 clerke, as shall wyte the sayde transcrippte, foꝝ euery coppe of suche indyte-
 ment, twelue pennis, foꝝ his paynes, bypon payne, that euery clerke of the
 crowne, clerke of the peace, and clerke of assyse foꝝ the tyme beyng
 befoze whom suche indytement, attaynder, outlawyꝝ, oꝝ conuycion shall be
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so had made pronounced or tennaine for the non certiffenge of every suche recoorde, and not delivring of the copy of such inditeementes to the said ordinarie accordinge to this estatute, to lese & forfait. xl. s. the one moite therof to be to the hings our soueraigne lord, & the other moite to him that wyl sue for the same by action of det bill information or otherwise in any of the hings courtes of recoorde, wherein no wager of lawe esoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And the clerke of the crowne in the hings bench, shal receyue the said certificates and transcripers at such time as they shal be tendered & profered vnto them by the said clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the pear, and clerkes of assise, or by their deputy or deputies, without taking any thing for the same, vpon paine of forfaiture of the summe of xl. s. for every suche certificat by him refused.

¶ Provided alwayes & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide & it ther be any moze persons concerned and named in any suche inditement, other than such person so atteinted, convicted, or outlawed, that than such clerke of the crowne, clerke of assise, clerke of the pear, with whom the recoorde of suche atteinder, outlawie, or conviction shal remayne, shall within the time befoze in this act limited certifie the transcript of suche inditement outlawie or conviction only concerninge suche personne or persons so indited and atteinted outlawed or convicted, in to the hings benche at Westmynster as is beforesaide, whiche transcript so certified shall be had and taken as good, effectual, and availleable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes againste suche person and persons, againste whom it shalbe so objected, alleged, or pleded, as if the very recoorde therof, wherupon he or they were so indited, were there present.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayde clerke of the crowne in the hings benche for the tyme beyng, shall at all such times as the Justices of gaole deliverry, Justices of pear, in every county within this realme of Englands do write vnto him for the names of suche personnes, whiche be so atteinted by outlawie, or clerkes atteinted or convicted and certified in to the said benche, of our said soueraigne lord the hings, shall incontinently without delay certifie the sayde names and surnames of the sayde personnes, with the causes why and wherfore they were convicted or atteinted, vnto the Justices of gaole deliverry, or Justices of pear, vpon the paine & penaltie to forfait for every name of suche persons, which shal be so written for, and not certified by the said clerke of the crowne in the hings benche to the said Justices. xl. s.

¶ Provided alwayes & be it further enacted, that this acte nor any thinge therein contained, shall not extende to the clerkes of the crowne, clerkes of the pear, clerkes of gaole deliverry, neither to any of the Notaries within the counties of Wales & Chester, or within the counties Palatines of Lancastre & Duresme, or any of them, to make any transcript of any suche atteinder, conviction, or outlawie of any person or persons convicted, atteinted, or outlawed, befoze the hynge Justices of his counties of

So ales no; Chester, o; county of Lancastre, Duresme, o; any of them, but that the same recordes shall and may remayne and be in the custodie and keppng of the saide clerkes and p[re]notaries, in such maner & wise as they are at this day. This acte o; any thinge therein contrayned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

In acte touching the Deane and chapter of Welles, to be one
sole chapter of it selfe. Cap. xv.



Here befoze this time the chapter vnto the see & bishopricke of Bathe and welles was the Deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of saint And[re]we of welles in the countie of Somerset, & the late p[ri]or and couent of the late p[ri]or & monastarie of the Apostelles saint Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the saide countie of Somerset: by reason wherof al feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any of the manors, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, fees, offices, o; any other thing belon-
gng o; apperteyning vnto the said see & bishopricke, o; wherof the bishop of the said see of Bathe and Welles fo; the time beinge, was seised in the right of the saide bishopricke, o; going out of the saide manors, landes, tenementes, o; hereditamentes, belongng vnto the saide bishopricke, whiche shulde be good o; of effecte in the lawe, to bende his successors in succession after the death of the said bishop of the said bishopricke fo; the tyme bringng grauntour lessour, o; giuour of any of the p[re]misses, as is aforesaide, ought to be made in wrytinge by the same bishop vnder his scale: and to be also by wrytinge sealed, as well with the common scale of the p[ri]or and couent fo; the time beinge of the said late p[ri]or & monastarie of Bathe, as also with the chapter scale of the Deane and chapter of welles fo; the time being ratified confirmed and assented vnto, which said p[ri]or & monastarie of Bath diuers yeres now past, was & now is lawfully dissolved extincted and determined. And where as diuers and sondre gistes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wrytinges, and other thynges haue ben made in wrytinge sithen the dissolution of the sayde late p[ri]or & monastarie of Bathe, of and in parcell of the p[re]misses, o; going out, o; to be perceyued o; taken of and in the same, by the now bishop of the saide see, & bishopricke. Whiche saide gistes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wrytinges and other thynges the sayde Deane and chapter of welles, hath sith the makinge thereof ratified and confirmed vnder their common scale, in due fourme after the lawe. And yet that notwithstandinge there is and remaineth great doubte and question among diuers persons, whet her the confirmation o; assent of the saide Deane o; chapter of welles, had and made by wrytinge vnder their chapter scale, sithens the dissolution of the said late p[ri]or & monastarie be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfecte and good the same gistes feoffementes, grauntes, leases, wrytinges, and other thynges heretofore made by
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the said now bisshop, to binde him and his successours in succession or not : and also whether al giftes, scoffementes, grauntes, leases, wytinges, dedes, actes, and other thinges hereafter lausfully to be made in wytinge, by the said now bisshop, or any his successours, and sealed with the seale of the bisshop of the said see and bisshoprike for the time beinge, and confirmed ratified or assented unto by the said Deane and chapter of welles, under or with their chapter seale, shalbe good & available in the lawe, to binde the saide bisshop of the saide see, or bisshoprike for the time beinge in succession. In consideration wherof, and to thintent to auoide all ambiguities doubtes and questions, that may growe, come, rise, or be in that behalfe : Be it enacted ordeyned and establisshed, by the king our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all giftes, scoffementes, grauntes, leases, wytinges, dedes, and actes, made in wytyng by the saide now bisshop of the saide see or bisshoprike, under the seale of the same bisshop, sithen the dissolution of the saide late priorie, or monastarie, of Bathe, or at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the same late monastarie. And also all giftes, scoffementes, grauntes, leases, dedes, wytinges, and actes hereafter to be made in wytinge by the bisshop of Bathe and Welles for the time beinge, of any manors landes tenementes hereditamentes, offices, fees, or any other thinge belonginge to the said bisshoprike, or going out of the same, or in any wise touching or concerninge the same bisshoprike or see and the same sealed by the said bisshop for time being, and which at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the saide late monastary, haue ben, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe ratified, confirmed, and assented unto, by the Deane and chapter of Welles for the time being, in wyting under their chapter seale, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, to binde in succession, the successours of the said bisshop for the time beinge, accordinge to the tenours purpoytes, and effectes of the same giftes scoffementes grauntes leases & other wytinges dedes and actes so made or hereafter to be made in wytinge : any lawe custome or vsage heretofore used or had to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Deane and chapter of welles aforesaid and their successour for the time beinge, shalbe from hensforth for ever excepted taken reputed and adiudged, to be the full, entier and sole chapter of the bisshoprike of Bathe and Welles, & belonging to the same bisshoprike, in full name, nature, and auctoritie, power, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as the sole chapter of the same bisshoprike.

¶ It is provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thyng therein contained, do not extende to binde any founde or giuour of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of the saide see and bisshoprike, or therunto belonging, of for or concerning all such actions and lites, as they or any of them may, shuld, or oughte to haue, by reason of any alienatio in fee simple
or fee

o: fee taile, herafter to be made of any of the manors, landes tenementes,
o: hereditamentes, of the said see and bishopricke, o: of any part thereof.

In acte for Shireffes to be discharged upon their accomptes,
and to haue allowances for their reasonable expences,
in the court of Eschequer. Cap. xvi.



A most humble wise beseechen the kinges maiestie his true
a feithful subiectes, the commons in this present parliament
assembled, that where the Shireffes for the most part of the
counties within this his realme of England, stand and be
charged and chargeable toward his highnes, by reason of
their said offices of Shireffes, w^{ch} diuers auncient termes
annexed vnto the corps of the same counties, that is to say, with one terme
demaunded of þ^e Shirefe of euery of the said countiees for þ^e time being, in one
hole sum vnder this title De vic. de rem. firm com. post verif. dat. which terme
did, and yet partly both grow and accrue, as well of issues & profittes of
such landes and tenementes, as from the conquest vnto the .xi. yere of the
reigne of king Edward the first, did remaine in the handes of the kinges
most noble progenitors, & some of them do yet also remayne in the handes
of the kinges maiestie, vnder the charge and custody of the Shireffes of the
same countiees for the time being, as p^{er}cell of the auncient demeanes and
inheritances of the crowne of England, not graunted nor giuen away, as
also of rentes of assise, rentes called comon fines, Shireffes aides, & of other
rentes certaine, belonging to the same terme. And th^other terme demaun-
ded likewise in an other hole summe, Videlicet de vic. de firma pro proficuo
com. which terme did, and yet partly both rise and growe of the perquisites
and profittes of the courtes holden by the Shireffes at the countie dayes,
Shireffes turnes, & hundredes, & of diuers other casualties and profittes,
p^{er}ely hapning & fallinge, within the hundredes and wapentakes of the
saide seuerall countiees, p^{er}cell of the corps of the same countiees of old time
annexed to the said crowne of Englande. And also stande & be charged &
chargeable by reason of their saide offices, with diuers summes of money
demaunded of the seuerally for the termes of diuers purp^oses, assertes
sergeanties, & minute rentes, and other termes enacted & demaunded of the
Shirefe vnder the title o: name of the Shirefe: as in the tolles & Demoraunds
of the kinges court of his Eschequer moze plainly it may appere: whiche
termes & other summes of money befoze reherfed, be not, nor of longe time
haue ben holy leuied o: gathered by any of the said Shireffes: but part of
them haue ben p^{er}ely lesse & not collected, partly bicause the said Shireffes
in times paste, haue forborne to aske o: demaunde the same, o: for to di-
staigne therfoze: so that it is notre not certeynly knowen what landes o:
persons shuld be charged o: chargeable therewith. And partly bicause gret
part of the landes and tenementes, hundredes & wapentakes, out wherof
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part of the rentes and profittes belonging to the saide severall fermes, did issue and grow, have ben given by the kynges highnes, or his noble progenitours, to sundry persons, discharged of the same rentes and profittes, and yet none allowance or deduction hath ben required nor made therof. And now of late divers manours, landes tenementes, rentes, lutes, services, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, & rapes, which were also chargeable, with certeine rentes, fermes and profittes, parcell of the said fermes befoze reherfed, ben comen to the possession of the kynges maiestie, by the gift graunt dissolution surrendre or atteynder of divers late monasteries or houses of religion, lately surrendred dissolved, or otherwise comen to his maiesties handes: by occasion wherof the said rentes, fermes, & profittes, which did come and grow out of the same, ben now clerely extinguished & determined. By reason wherof the said Shireffes have hertofore suffered, and from henceforth ben like to susteine moch moze losse & damage in the said fermes, & charges befoze reherfed, by & by determinatio of their accomptes in the kynges court of his Eschequer, then they were wont to do unles some good remedie be the soner provided for them in this behalfe.

Ut may therfoze please the kynges most excellent highnes, that it be enacted, ordeined and established by his maiestie, with the advise and assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that from henceforth all and every personne, which now is, or here after shalbe Shireffe or Shireffes of any countie, or countiees accomptable or answerable in the said Eschequer, shal at his day of prefiction, immediately after he is swozne to accompte of the issues and profittes of his office of Shireffshipe, and every other person, which of late have ben Shireffe or Shireffes of any of the said countiees, and have no tale of reward, nor have not yet determined his or their accompte, or otherwise be discharged or pardoned therof, shal in the same terme, that he taketh his othe to accompte, be swozne by him selfe, or by his attorney or deputie swozne for him, wher he shal answer befoze the lord treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons of the said Eschequer: or in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, or chauncellour or of any of them, than befoze suche of the saide lord treasurer, chamberleines chauncellour, and of the said barons, as then shal happen to be present in the said court, to bringe in and deliver into the saide court, rolles or cedulaes of parchment, containing in them truly without omission or concelement, all such particular summes of money, which he hath leuied, or lawfully mought have leuied to his wptyng or knowledge within his bailiwyke, as part or parcell of the saide auncient fermes, and chocther fermes befoze reherfed, making expresse and distinct mention in the same rolles or cedulaes, as nye as he or they can or may, of what peris, & in what landes & tenementes, & for what cause the same particular summes & every of the be leuied or leuable toward & making of & same ferme or any of the same. And & after & same rolles or cedulaes so delivered, & the peticular summes of money

money in them contented, appertaininge to their propre termes, call & rated before the said lord treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour and barons, or before the said barons, in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleynes, or chauncellour for the time beinge, or any of them. The same lord treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour, and the said barons: or the said barons, in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleynes, or chauncellour, or of any of them for the time being, shall have full power & auctoritie by this acte, to make allowance, exoneration, and deduction in the said open court, from time to time by their discretions, to every such person, in every of the said termes, of so moche money as the said termes shalbe more then the said particulars, so appoynted and contented in the said rolles or cedules, do amount unto. And for recoveryng & recouering of sub parcels, belonginge to any of the said termes, or other the premises, omitted out of the said rolles or cedules, and for savinge of other the kynges auncient rightes and inheritances, answerable in the said Eschequer, which be now wrongfully withdrawen, and unjustly withholden from his possession: the lord treasurer, chamberleynes, chauncellour & barons of the said Eschequer, or the same barons, in the absence of the said treasurer, chamberleynes, and chauncellour, or of any of them, shall from tyme to tyme awarde suche processe, and vse suche convenient wayes and meanes by commission or otherwise, accordinge to the course of the said Eschequer, and further as shalbe devised by their discretion: so that the kinge, his heires and successours may be truly answered of issues and profittes of the same, without other warrant to be pursued and obtained for the premises, or any parte thereof: Any estatute, acte, ordinaunce, or vse heretofore to the contrary had made or used in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ And furthermore where divers and sundrie summes of money ben respected to many persons, which have ben shireffes of the said counties before this time, upon their accomptes, yelden in the kinges said court of his Eschequer, of the foresaid termes and other vicountieles, upon divers petitions in the said court, for so moch as they, ne any of them coulde, nor might leue the same by vertue of the summons of the said Eschequer, for such causes as the same late shireffes have alleged in their said petitions, as by the same petitions more plainly doth appere: be it therefore enacted by th'auctoritie aforesaid, that all and every the said late shireffes, upon theyr othes taken in the said court, that the causes alleged in the same petition be true, and the same causes examined in the same court, accordingly, be by vertue of this present acte clerely acquitted & discharged against the kinges maiestie, and his heires and successours for ever, of all and every such summe and summes of money, so not leuted nor leutable, put in respect, as is before rehearsed; And thereupon suche like processe to be awarded by the said court, and such convenient wayes and meanes, by commission and otherwise, to be had, accordinge to the course of the said Eschequer, from time to tyme, as shal be devised by the said lord trea-

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Treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour, and barons: or in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, or chauncellour, or any of them, by the said barons, & by as many of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines & chauncellour, as then shall happen to be there the present, without either warrant or suite in that behalfe to be had. And for as moche as the Shireffes of the said counties for the time beinge, shall susteine, and support divers charges, by reason of their said office of Shireffes, as in executing the kinges writtes & summons, & levieng all summes of money conteyned in the extreates within their counties, & in coming to the Exchequer, to make their profers and viewes of their accomptes, and make payment of al that shalbe due vpon every of their viewes and accomptes, and other divers costes and charges concerning the same office of Shireffes, without having from henceforth any tale or tales of reward, postage or other allowances towards their said charges.

¶ And where also divers of the said Shireffes hertofore have used, at their owne coste, to beate perely the charges of the expences of the kinges Justices of assises, Assi prius, generall and speciall gaole deliveries, & oyer determiner, and of their clerkes of assises and servauntes at the same sessions at their coming two times in the yere, during such time as the said Justices remayne and serue the kinges highnes there, withoute havinge hertofore any recompence or allowance for the same. And to the intende, that every of the said Shireffes, for the time beinge, may and shall hereafter be moze able, diligently to serue the kinge in his or their said offices, without taking any vnlawfull exactions of the kinges subiectes, & also better to make provision for the said Justices, and their company in their circuits, haupnge ayde of the kinge towards their saide charges and expences: The kinges highnes, of his liberalitye, in consideration of the same charges, so to be sustained by the saide Shireffes, is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by his highnesse, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that every of the saide Shireffes, commynge to his accomptes in the saide Exchequer, shewynge a bill subscribed with the handes of the saide Justices, or of such of them as shalbe present at the said assises and sessions, makinge playne mention of the daies and time, that the saide Justices did abide or remayne in the same countie at the costes of the saide Shireffes, in or aboute the kinges saide assises and busines, shall have allowance as well hereof, as for other his saide reasonable costes, vpon his or their accomptes in the said Exchequer, by the discretion of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour and barons: & in the absence of the said lord treasurer, chamberleines, chauncellour or any of them, by the said barons, & by as many of the saide lord treasurer, chamberleines & chauncellour, as then shal happen to be there present, by auctoritie of this present acte, without other warrant, or any further suite to be had or made in this behalfe: so that all the allowances

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aunces for the colles aboue saide, to all the shrettes, do not amounte in any one pere aboue the summe of .iii. C. xl. & two poundes. vi. s. & viii. pens. This acte to continue & endure onely to thende of the next parliament.

In acte for the new erected bishops to pay their tenthes in the court of first frutes. Capl. xlii.

Where in the parliament begon & holden at London, the third day of Nouembze in the. xxi. pere of the reigne of our most grede soueraygne lord king Henry the eight, & from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations, vntill the dissolution therof: it was among other thinges established & enacted, that the kinges maiestie, his heires & successours, for the augmentation & maintenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne & dignitie, of supreme head of the church of England, shuld perely haue, take, enioye, & receyue, vnted and knitte vnto his imperiall crowne for euer, one perely tent or pencion, amounting to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes tithes offeringes, emolumetes, & of all other profittes, as well called spirituall as tempozall, then apperteyninge or belonging, or that afterwarde from thensforth shuld belong to any archbishoprike, bishoprike, abbacy, monasterie, priorie, archdeacons, deanry, hospitall, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall church, personage, bycarage, chaunterie, free chappell, or other benefices or promoris spirituall, of what name, nature, or quality so euer they were, with in any dioeces of this realme, or in Wales, the saide pencion or annuell rent, to be perely payde for euer, to our saide soueraigne lord, to his heires & successours kynges of this realme, at the feast of s^t Michael of our lord god, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therein contained, more playnly is shewed and may appere. And where also at the parliament, begonne at Westminster, the. xxi. day of Aprill, in the. xxi. pere of our said soueraigne lord the kinges most gracious reigne: & afterward continued by diuers and sundry prorogations, vntill the dissolution therof, there was, by auctoritie of the said parliament, erected & established a certaine court, called the court of the first frutes and tenthe. And it was further enacted, by the auctoritie of the said parliament, that the said first frutes & tenthes, & all the reuenues & profittes therof, whiche then were, or hereafter from thensforth shuld growe or be, by any maner of meanes, shulde be from thensforth in the ordze suruey and gouernaunce of the said court of first frutes and tenthe, and ministers of the same, as by the same acte amonge diuers other thinges therein conteyned, playnly appeareth. Withen the makinge of whiche saide acte, our soueraigne lord, of his most gracious & blessed disposition, by his most gracious feneral letters patentes, hath made, erected, incorporate, and established within this his realme, diuerse and sundry bishops and sees of bishoppes, that is to

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is to say, John now bishop of Chester, John now bishop of Gloucester, John now bishop of Peterborough, Paule now bishop of Wyndesore, & Robert now bishop of Exeter: and by the same his several and sundry letters patentees, hath sundrily and severally given & granted unto the said bishops divers and sundry manors, landes tenementes and hereditamentes. In whiche sayd severall letters patentees there ben reserved unto his highnes, his heires and successours, certayne pecyly rentes and pencions; amountynge to the tenth of the same manors landes tenementes & hereditamentes, so severally given to the said severall bishops, to be paid and payable pecyly in our said souerain lord the kynges court of augmentacions of the revenues of his crowne, as in the said severall letters patentees moze plainly appereth. And for as much as by the said former statutes, the said bishops ben compellable every one of the to pay the tenthes of his or their possessions, annexed to their severall bishopricches, in our said souerain lord the kynges court of first frutes and tenth, the sayd bishops be and shalbe double charged and chargeable, with the paymtes of the said rentes and pencions, reserved & to be paid, as is above said: for that that the paymtes therof in one of the said courtes, is no discharge in the other, contrary to the true intent & meaning of the kynges highnes, and to the great hurt and decay of the said bishops, and their successours, if speedy remedy be not therfore provided. For reformation wherof be it enacted and ordeyned, by auctorite of this present parliament, that all the pecyly rentes tenthes and pencions, as is or be above rehersed, reserved in and by all & singular the kynges highnes said severall letters patentees, made of any manors landes tenementes personages appropriate, or other hereditamentes what so ever they be, sithen the xxviii. day of Aprill, in the sayd. xxi. yere of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne lord, to any the sayde severall bishops, shall from the first day of Maye next commynge, be in the rule governaunce and surtey of the said court of first frutes and tenth. And that all such & the same rentes pencions & tenthes, shalbe from the sayd first day of May, payable and alwayes paid in the said court of first frutes and tenth, and not els where, nor in any other court or place: any thing rehersed in the said severall letters patentees, or in any of them, or any acte statute or law had made or made to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the said bishops nor their successours, ne any of them, shal at any time hereafter be impeched or sued in the said court of first frutes and tenth, of or for any tenth pecyly rent or pencion, reserved in or by any of the sayde severall letters patentees which now is, or before the sayde first day of May next coming shalbe due unto the kynges highnes. And that all and singular piores & suites now had & pursued, or hereafter on this lyde the said first day of May to be had or sued out of the said court of first frutes and tenth, agaynst any of the said bishops newly erected and made, as is afoze said, of or concerning onely any pecyly rent pencion or tenthes, reserved bypon or by any of the

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Sayd letters patentes, shall cease and be clerely boyde to all intentes and purposes.

In acts for Canturbury concernynge the priuileges of the same. Cap. xviij.



Here the cite of Canturbury is, & of auncient tyme hath ben a cite incorporat, and endowd with diuers and many ample priuileges and franchises, by diuerse and sundrye charters and grauntes heretofore made by the kynges noble progenitours, as well in the tyme of the pryncce of famous memoire kinge Henry the. vi. as in the tyme of other his noble progenitours: wherby the same cite ought to haue vse and enioy all the sayde libertyes priuileges and franchises, accordyng to the tenour force purpoyte and effecte of all suche of the sayd charters & grauntes heretofore graunted & made vnto the maire & citezens of the said cite, as remaine & stand yet in full strenght & force: yet diuers ambiguous questions & varietye in opinions of diuers persons learned in the law of the realme, be of late risen & growne of the baldittie purpoyt & force of diuers articles contained in the said charters & graces, because that some wordes copyssed in the same, seme to them obscure ambiguous & doubtfull, where in dede the true intent & meaning therof, to the most part of men, learned in the lawes of þe realme, doth right wel appere to be playne, by reason wherof not only the good ciuile policie of the said cite is much decayd, but also the welthy occupieng, the populous inhabiting, & the beautifull building therof be like to come in great ruine depopulation & decay, not a litle to the extenuation of that part of this realme, as well in the eyes of al strangers, as in the eyes of such great personages as shal happen to haue repaire to the kinges maiestie in ambassade & otherwise. In consideration wherof be it enacted, by the kinges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctozittie of the same, that the maire and aldermen, or the moze parte of them, of the said cite, and their successors, by such name or names as they be incorporate, shal haue vse and enioy al such libertties franchises & priuileges, within the limittes precinct & iurisdiction of the said cite, which they or their predecessours maires & aldermen of the same city, haue had to the graunted by the kinges highnes, or any of his noble progenitours, by his or their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of Englad, now remaining in full strenght & force, accordyng to the true purpoyt and effect of the same letters patentes and grauntes heretofore had and made vnto the said maire and aldermen of the said cite, as is afoze said, not withstanding they haue not ben of late tyme vsed nor put in execution accordyngly.

And be it further enacted by thauctozittie afoze said, that it shalbe lawfull to all and euery person and persons, citezens & inhabitinge within the said cite or libertties, or the precinct therof to take a pyntise or pyntises, by indentures

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indentures interchangeable, sealed with the scales of such parties, for the terme of. vii. yerres or lesse, as both the parties can agre, albeit such appren- tise or apprentises be within the age of. xxi. yerres: and that the same inden- tures of apprentishode, shall comprehend like covenantes, and be made written and enrolled, in like maner and fourme, as is commonly used in su- che cases within the city of London: and the same indentures, compassing such covenantes, made written and enrolled as is aforesaid, shalbe from henceforth good and effectual in the law, against every such apprentise, to all intencers constructions and purposes: the minority of such apprentises, the statute made in the. vii. yere of the noble prince king Henry the fourth, con- cerning apprentises, or any other statute law custome or usage, concerning taking of apprentises, to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Be it also enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons, being forreines, and not being free citisens of the said cite of Canturbury, shall nor from henceforth, contrary to the libertie and graunties, heretofore had and made vnto the maire and aldermen of the said cite, by or sel any maner of marchandise, to or with any maner of person or persons forreins, and not being free citisens of the said cite, nor kepe any open shoppe, nor vse any misterie or handy craft, within the same cite liberties and precinct therof, without the speciall licence of the said maire and aldermen, or the more part of them, in writing vnder their seale, vpon payne to forfait for every such offence, to the said maire and aldermen, to the vse of the saide cite. vi. s. viiii. d. of lawfull money of England. And that the maire and al- dermen of the same cite, or their successors for the time being, from time to time, shall haue power and auctoritie, to demaunde and aske, against every such offendour, in the court hall of the said cite, by action or plapnt of det, the said forfeiture, or at their liberties shall take lease and percus by distresse the saide penalties or forfeitures, to the vse of the said cite by and according to the course of the common lawe.

¶ Provided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, shall extende or be prejudiciall to the kinges maiestie, his heires or successors, but that it shalbe lafull to our said souerayne lord his heires and succes- sours from time to time, to seise or resume any of the said franchises liber- ties or priuileges, heretofore granted by any of his progenitours, and con- firmed by this present acte, for any sufficient cause of forfeiture by the law of this realme: any clause or article in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that this act, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wise extend to the palapce of the most reuered father in god, Thomas now archbishop of Canturbury, or to the hamlette of Stablegate, or to the site and precinct of the cathedrall and metropolitane church of Christ in Canturbury aforesaid, nor to any other place whatsoever, immediately befoze the makinge of this acte, beinge out of the libertie of the saide cite of Canturbury: Nor in any wise shall be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the

said archbishop, or any of his successors: or to the deane & chapter of the said cathedral and metropolitan church of Christ in Canturbury or to any of their successors, any thing in the same act not withstanding.

¶ Provided also that this act, nor any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to any vouchet fishmonger or any other person what so ever, inhabiting out of the libertie of the said citie of Canturbury, for or concerning the selling or buying of any maner of fleshy fish or other vitaille, in the same citie, or precinct of the same, or the suburbs of the same: but that al maner of vitaille may for ever be frely bought and solde, in the said citie precinct and suburbs of the same, as though this act had never ben made, any thing in the same to the contrary in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ In acte for the payment of pencions and portions graunted out of the late abbaies. Cap. xix.



Where the archbishops bishops archdeacons, and other ecclesiasticall persons, of both prouinces of Canturbury and yorke within this realme of Englande, haue hertofore in the right of their churches had and receiued out of the late monasteries abbathies priories nunties colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, now dissolved, and out of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes belonging to the same, diuers pencions, portions, corrodies, indemnities, sinodics priories & other profittes. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the xxiiii. day of April, in the. xxxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord Henry the eight, by the grace of god king of England France and Irelande, defendour of the faith, & of the church of England and also of Irelande the supreme head, it was ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that as wel the said late monasteries abbathies priories nunties colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, with the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes & other profittes, belonging vnto the same late monasteries abbathies priories and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, as then were or then hereafter shoulde come vnto the kynges highnes handes, shuld be bested demed and adiudged in the actual and real possession and season of the kynges highnes, his heires and successors. Sauing to al and enery person and persons, and bodys politike, and their heires and successors, and the heires and successors of all and enery of them (other then the late abbotes priours abbes priories and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the saide late monasteries abbathies priories nunties colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and their successors, and the successors of enery of them, and such as pretended to be such patrons or donours of suche monasteries abbathies priories nunties

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rtes colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses
 and places, or of any manours, meassures, landes, tenementes or other he-
 reditamentes belonging to the same, or to any of them, their heires and suc-
 cessours, and the heires and successours of euery such founder patron or do-
 nour, and the then abbottes, priours abbesles prioresses and other ecclesiasti-
 call gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries abbathies, priories
 nuncies, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, and other religious and ec-
 clesiasticall houses and places, which then hereafter shuld happen to be dis-
 solved suppressed renounced relinqvished forfeited giuen vp, or comen
 to the kinges highnes, and such as pceded to be founders, patrones, or do-
 nouers, of such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nuncies, colledges, hospi-
 talles, houses of friers and other ecclesiastical houses & places, or of any ma-
 nouers meassures landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, to the same
 belonging, or to any of them their heires and successours, and the heires &
 successours of euery of them, al suche right, title, claime, interest, possession,
 rentes, charges, annuities, leases, fermes, offices, fees, lpyertes, lpyinges,
 portions, pencions, corrodies, commons, sinodies, priories, and other pro-
 fittes, which they or any of them haue clayme, ought, may or myghte haue
 had in or to the premises, or to any part or parcel thereof, in such like maner
 fourme and condition, to all intentes, respectes, constitutions & purposes,
 as if the same act had neuer ben had ne made (rentes seruices, rentes sek, &
 all other seruices & suites only except) as by the same act amonges diuers
 other thinges therein contened more playnely is shewed and may appere.
 And yet notwithstandinge the said generall saving, conteyned in the said
 act, the said archebishops, bishops, archdeacons, and other ecclesiastical
 persons, of bothe the said prouynces, of Canturbury and yorke, be, and si-
 then the makinge of the sayd act haue ben disturbed and denied of the ha-
 uing, recepyving, or gatheringe of the said pencions, portions, corrodies,
 indemnities, sinodies, and priories, with other profittes belongynge vnto
 them, by diuerse of the fermours and occupiers of great part and parcel of
 the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes of the said late
 monasteries, and other ecclesiastical houses and places, or beyng parcel of
 the possessions of the, and haue no direct meane to obtene recouer or come
 to the same, not only to their great hurt & damages, but also like to grow &
 be to the great losse & disherison of the kinges maiestie concerning his fielt
 frutes & tenth. For reformatio wherof be it ordeined established & enacted
 by the kynges highnes, with chassent of the lordes spiritual & temporal, &
 the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctoryte of the
 same, & if any person or persons, being fermour or occupier of any manours
 landes tenementes personages benefices or other hereditamentes, of any of
 the said late monasteries or ecclesiastical houses or places, or belonging to
 them or any of them, by the kinges highnes gifte graunt sale exchange or
 otherwyse, out of whiche premises any suche portions pencions corrodies
 indemnities sinodies or priories, or any other profittes, haue ben herto-

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foze lawfully gorynge out, answered oꝛ payde to any of the archebysshops
bysshops archdeacons and other ecclesiasticall persons aboue sayde, do at
any tyme after the fyrst day of Apryll next comminge, wylfully denye the
payment therof, at the dayes of payment hertofore accustomed, of any of
the sayd pencions portions coyrodies indemnities sinodies pꝛories, oꝛ any
other pꝛofites, wherof the sayd archbysshops bysshops archdeacons oꝛ other
ecclesiasticall persons were in possession, at oꝛ within ten yerres next befoze
the tyme of the dissolution of any such monasteries, oꝛ other ecclesiasticall
houses oꝛ places: that than it shalbe lafull foꝛ the same archbysshops bis-
shops archdeacons oꝛ other ecclesiasticall persons aforesaid, being so deni-
ed to be satisfied and payd therof, and haupng right to the same thinge in
demaunde, to make such pꝛoces, as wel against euery such person and per-
sons, as shal so deny palment of the same pencions portions coyrodies pꝛo-
ries indemnities sinodies, oꝛ any other pꝛofites, which of right ought to be
payde, as is afoze said, as against the church oꝛ churches, charged with the
same, as hertofore they haue lawfully done, and as by & accoꝛdinge to the
lawes & statutes of this realme they may now lawfully do, foꝛ the true pat-
met and recouery therof. And if the partie defendand be lawfully conuict in
any such suite cause oꝛ matter, accoꝛding to the ecclesiasticall lawes: tha the
party playntiffe shal haue & recouer against the partie defendat the thing
in demaund, and the value therof in damages, with his costes foꝛ his sure.

¶ And be it further ordeyned and enacted, by thaurortie aforesaid, that if
it fortune the cause oꝛ matter of variace betwene any of the said parties be
determinable at the common law: that then the party greued to sue foꝛ his
recouery and remedy therein at the comon law. And if the party defendand
fortune to be by the course of the common law lawfully condemned to the
party playntiffe, than the said partie playntiffe shal lykewise haue and re-
couer agaynst the partye defendand the thing in demaund, and the value
therof in damages, with his costes foꝛ his suite.

¶ Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie afoze said, that all &
singular suche of the said archebysshops bysshops archdeacons, and other
ecclesiasticall persons, which haue right oꝛ title to claime demaund oꝛ enioy
any of the said pencions portions coyrodies indemnities sinodies oꝛ pꝛories,
agaynst any person oꝛ persons, to whom the kyng hath made oꝛ herafter
shal make in wytyng vnder seale, any sale gift graunt oꝛ lease foꝛ terme of
lyfe lyues oꝛ yerres, oꝛ any of the sayd manours landes tenementes perso-
nages benefices & other hereditametes, charged oꝛ chargeable to oꝛ with
any of the said pencions portions coyrodies indemnities sinodies oꝛ pꝛories
and also hath couenaunted graunted promised oꝛ agreed, oꝛ herafter shal
covenant graunt promise oꝛ agre, by the said wytyng, to acquite discharge
oꝛ saue harmeles the same person oꝛ persons of all pencions portions coy-
rodies indemnities sinodies & pꝛories, gorynge out of the pꝛemises oꝛ any
parcel therof, as be oꝛ shalbe mencioned in the same wytynges oꝛ any of the,
shal sue foꝛ their remedy and recouery therof in the court of the augmeta-
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cions of the reuenues of the kinges crown, and not elswhere: And that the party defendaunt hauing any suche discharge, beinge conuented called or sued in any other court or place, or before any other iudge, for any the causes abovesaid, shalbe discharged & dismissed out of the same court or place, without any thing paying for the same, by thowely shewing forth any of the said writings, sealed vnder any of the kinges seales, prouing or declaringe the king to haue couenaunted promised or agreed to acquite discharge or saue harmlesse the said party defendaunt therof, as is aforesaid: Any thing con-
tained in this act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

In act to embarre feyned recoueries of landes, wherein the kinges maiestie is in reuersion. Cap. xx.

Where diuerse of the kinges most noble progenitours, and specially the kyng our soueraigne lord, most liberally aboue all other, hath giuen and graunted, or otherwys prouided to his and their louyng and good seruantes and subiectes, as well nobles as other, manours meases landes tenementes centes serucces and hereditamentes to them and to their heires males of their bodies, or to the heires of their bodies lawfully begotten, mynding at the tyme of such giftes not onely to preferre and aduaunce presently the donees, but also their heires in bloud of their bodies, according to the limitation of the saide giftes: to thentent that the recompence for þe service of such donees, shuld not onely be a benefite for their owne persons, but a continual profite and commodity to and for their heires cominge of their bodies, wherby such heires shulde haue in speciall memoery and dayly remembraunce, the profite that they haue and take by the serucces of their auncelours done to the kinges of this realme, and therby be þe better encouraged to do like service to their soueraigne lord, as to their duties of allegiaunce apperteyneth. And for as much as sundry such donees in talle, and their heires haue suffered and dayly suffer by their consentes, vntreue and feyned recoueries to be had against them, with common vouches or other wise, of manours meases landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so giuen graunted or prouided in talle by the kynges maiestie, or his noble progenitours, as is aforesaid, to the entent by fraude couyn and vndue meanes not onely to bynde and defete their heires inheritable by the limitation of such giftes, but also the king of his prerogatiue, wardship, primer seison, and other his rightes, wherby questions and diuersities of opinion haue risen and yet be: whether suche feined and vntreue recoueries against such tenants in talle, by their owne consentes, of landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the reuersion or remaindre is in the kinge at the tyme of such recovery or recoueries had, shuld after the death of the tenant in talle binde the heires in talle or not. For playne declaration wherof, and to auoyde and extincte from henceforth diuersities of opinion in such cases, Be it ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of

tie of this present parliament, that no such feined recovery, hereafter to be had by assent of parties against any such tenaunt or tenauntes in taile, of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof the reuerſion or remaine shal be at the tyme of such recovery had, shal be in the king, shal bind or conclude the heires in taile, whether any condition voucher be had in any such feined recovery or not, but that after the death of every such tenant in taile, against whome any such recovery shal be had, the heires in taile may entre haue & enjoy the landes tenementes and hereditamentes so recovered, according to the fourme of the gift of entaile: the said recovery or any other thing or thinges hereafter to be had done or suffered by or against any such tenant in taile to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it also further enacted, by the auctorite aforesaid, that the heires of every such tenaunt in taile, against whom any such feined recovery shal be had, shal take none advantage for any recompence in value against the voucher, nor his heires.

Provided alway that this acte nor any thinge therein contained, be in any wise prejudicial or hurtfull to the lessee or lessees of any such tenaunt in taile, made or to be made by writynge indented, of any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes for terme of .xxi. yeres, three lynes, or vnder, wherupon the accustomable rente and rentes or moze, is or shal be reserved, perely during the said terme and termes: but the same lessee & lessees, shal and may haue and enjoy his or their terme and termes therein against the heire and heires of every such tenaunt in taile, according to the tenour purporte and effect of the statute made in the .xxii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord king Henry the .viii. any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

In acte for the confirmation of letters patentes not withstanding misnaming of any thing contained in the same. cap. xxi.



Where the kinges moost excellent highnes, sithen the fourth day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his maiesties reygne, hath opteyned and purchased, as well by exchaunges, as by giftes bargaines fines feoffementes, recoveries, dedes enrolled, and otherwise, of diuers & sundry persons, many sundry & diuers honours castels manours landes tenementes medowes pastures wodes rentes reuerſions seruices & other hereditamentes, & hath not only payde diuers and sundry great summes of monie for the same, but also hath giuen and graunted for and in consideration therof, vnto diuers personnes late owners therof, dyuerse and sundry manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompences, in and for full satisfaction of al such honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes reuerſions seruices & other his hereditamentes by his highnes obtained purchased or had as is abovesaid. Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present

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present p[re]sentment, & our said soueraigne lord the king, his heires & successours
 shal haue hold possede and enioy al and singular the same honours castels
 manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, whiche his high-
 nes, sithe the said fourth day of February, in the .xxvii. yere abovesaid, hath
 obtained and had, or at any time during the space of .vii. yeres next ensuing
 the making of this present act, shall obtaine purchase or haue, by waye of
 exchaunge bargayne purchase or other what so euer meane or meanes, ac-
 cording to the true meaninge and intent of his highnes bargaine exchaung
 or purchas therein, misrecitall misnaming, or non recital, or not naming of
 any of the said honours castels manours landes tenementes & other hereditamentes
 or of the true names or certainties of them or any of them compassed or me-
 tioned in the bargains or writings made betwene the kinges highnes and
 any other partie or parties, or of any parte or parcell therof, or of any of the
 towne or counties, were the said honours castels manours landes tene-
 mentes and hereditamentes lye and ben, or any other matter or cause what
 so euer it be, in any wyse not withstanding: Shewing to all and euery per-
 son and persons, and to their heires, bodies politike and corporate, and to
 their successours and to euery of them, other than suche person and persons
 and their heires, and their wyues, and the wyues of euery of them, bodies
 politike and corporate, and their successours and euery of them, of whome
 the kynges highnesse hath obtained by exchaunge, gifte, bargaine, fyne,
 feoffement, recovery, dede enrolled, or other wyse, or at any tyme hereafter
 duringe the saide .vii. yeres nexte comming, shall obtaine purchase or haue
 any such honours castels manours landes tenementes and other heredita-
 mentes, as is aforesaid, al such right title yle interest possession rentes char-
 ges annuities comodities fees and other profittes rentes seruices and re-
 tes seckes onely except whiche they or any of them haue might or ought to
 haue had, in or to the p[re]misses so obtained and had in or to any parcell ther
 of, in as ample and large maner forme and condicion, to all intents, cons-
 tructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made: This
 present act, or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.
 ¶ And where also our said soueraigne lord the king, sithe the said fourth
 day of February, in the saide .xxvii. yere of his maiesties regne, as well
 vppon dyuerse and sundry good considerations, his maiestie specially mo-
 uing, as also otherwise, hath bargained solde exchaunged, giuen and gran-
 ted by his graces severall letters patentes, indentures or other writings
 sealed vnder his highnes great scale of England, the scale of his duchy of
 Lancaster, and the scale of offpre of the courte of augmentations of the re-
 venues of his crowne, or any of them, as well to bodies politike and cor-
 porate, as to diuers and sundry other of his louing and obedient subiectes
 diuers and sundry honours castels manours monasteries abbathies prio-
 ries landes tenementes rentes reuitions seruices personages appropria-
 ted aduousons tithes oblations pencions portions franchises priuileges
 liberties offices and other hereditamentes comodities & profittes, in fee
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Temple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, as in the
 same seuerall letters patentes indentures and other writings is mentioned
 and declared. And where also the kinges maiestie heretofore sithen the said
 fourth day of February, by his seuerall letters patentes, sealed vnder the
 said great scale of Englande or otherwise, of his accustomed goodnesse,
 hath newly erected ordeyned and made diuers bishops deanes and chap-
 ters colleges and other bodies politike and corporate, & hath by his seuer-
 all letters patentes, sealed vnder the said great scale of Englande, gauen
 and graunted as wel vnto them, as to diuers other bodies politike and cor-
 porate, and to their successors, by suche name or names as they then were
 be or now stande corporate, diuers manours landes tenementes persona-
 ges tithes pensions portions aduousons nominations presentations and
 other hereditamentes and suche or lyke liberties and iurisdictions in the
 same manours landes and tenementes mencioned in any of the said letters
 patentes, as he to whom any such letters patentes were or be made or gran-
 ted, or his predecessours before had or enioyed in the manours landes tene-
 mentes and hereditamentes departed or appointed to the king, or suche as
 any the late abbotte or priour of any the late monasteries or priories, or o-
 ther person or persons what so euer or any of them mencioned in any of the
 said letters patentes, lawfully had exercised vsed or enioyed within the said
 castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes mencioned in any
 of the said letters patentes, in auoyding disturbing hurting or hinderinge
 of dyuers of the sayde seuerall letters patentes, indentures, and other
 writings, and of the manours landes tenementes, hereditamentes, and
 other thynges in them conteyned sundry and many ambiguities doubtes
 and questions haue or might hereafter happen to be moued objected alleged
 inuented, procured, or stirred, as wel for misnaming, misrecital, or non reci-
 tal of any of the same honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies
 priories, landes, tenementes, and other the premises, or any parcel therof,
 or for lacke of findinge of offices or inquisitions of & in the premises, wher
 by the title of the kinges highnes therein ought to haue ben founde, before
 the makinge of the same letters patentes, or other writings, or for misre-
 cital, or none recital of leasles therof before made, as well of record as not
 of record, or for lacke of the certaintie, miscalling, ratinge, or settinge forth
 of the pertye values & rates of the premises, or of the pertye rates referred
 of & for the premises, or any parcel therof, mencioned or conteyned in any
 the said letters patentes or other writings, or for that the premises be, or
 any part therof is valued to a more or lesse valu in the said letters patentes
 or writings, than the said manours landes tenementes and other the premises
 than were or shalbe in pertye value: or for misnaming of the townes ham-
 lettes parishes or cosiers, where the same honours castels manours monaste-
 ries abbathies priories landes tenementes tenementes hereditamentes & other
 the premises, and every parcell therof, or any parcell therof, lyen or ben: or
 for lacke of the true naminge of the natures kyndes soyes or quantities of
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the said possessions or hereditamentes, or any partel therof: or for lacke of the true naming of the corporation of the same: or for lacke of attournement livery or seison, or for misnampnge of any the late tenauntes or fermours of the same so solde gyven or exchaunged. For remedy and reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynges most excellent highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporell, and the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that as well all and every the said letters patentis indentures and other writings and every of them, sealed with or under the scale or scales aboue said, or any of them, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sithen the said fourth day of february, in the sayde. xxvii. yere of his most noble regne, as also all and singular his graces letters patentis indentures and other writings hereafter duryng the space of. vii. yeres nexte ensuynge the making of this present acte, to be had made or graunted with or under any of the scales aboue saide, to any bodie poltrike or corporate, or to any other personne or personnes, of any honours castelles manours monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers or of other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places sites circuittes p[ro]cinctes lades tenementes personages tithes p[er]cions portions aduousons nominations p[re]sentations franchises liberties and other hereditamentes commodities possessions and p[ro]fites, of what kinde nature or qualite soeuer they or any of the be, is or shalbe, or by what soeuer name or names they or any of them be is or shalbe named known or reputed, shal stand and be good effectual & auaylable in the lawe to al intentes respectes constructions & purposes against his maiestie, his heires and successours, without any confirmation licence dispensation or tolleracion of the kynges highnes his heires or successours or of any other person or persones what soeuer, any the causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteyned, or hereafter duryng the sayde seuen yeres, to be conteyned in any such letters patentis indentures or other writings, to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

It is ordeyned alway, and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that all & singular such letters patentis, whiche at any tyme here tofore, sithen the xxviii. day of Aprill, in the. xxi. yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes reigne, haue ben graunted or made, or hereafter shalbe made by the kynges highnes to any person or persons, of any office of keepynge of any castel, blockhouse, parke, chase, foress, or keepynge of any manour or mansion place, house or houses, with an annual fee or other p[er]cyp p[ro]fites for the exercysing of the same, and after the said castel blockhouse, manour, mansion place, house or houses, parke chase or foress, happen to be fallen downe, deparked, disforessed or destroyed, so that the cause of the exercysynge of such office is determined: that than the letters patentis of graunt of the same office & offices, with the fee & fees or other p[ro]fites for the exercysing of the same, shal be from thensforth clerely determined, & stand and remayne as voyde for ever: Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

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¶ Provided also that this acte or any thing therein contained, shall not in any wise extend to revuile or make good any letters patentes of the grant of any office or offices, hertofore graunted or made by our said soueraigne lord the kynge, whiche now is or be, or at any tyme heretofore have bene aduiliated determined or made vnder by auctoritie of parliament, iudgement, decree, or otherwise, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular such patentees grauntees and donees, as at any tyme from henceforth during the said seven yeres now next comming, shall fortune to haue or obtayne any castelles manors landes tenementes tithes pensions portions or other hereditamentes, of the gyfte graunte sale or exchange of the kynges maiestie, or of the only gyfte of the kynges maiestie, of his most lyberrall disposition and not solde, whiche at the daye of the date of the letters patentes therof made, shall be of more or better yearly value to the kynge in peny cent and ferme, then shall be conteyned mentioned or specified in any suche letters patentes and particulars therof made by the auditour or auditours, and in such byll or bylles as shall be signed and sealed with the hande or handes of the patentee or patentees therof, to be exhibited to the kynges maiestie, or his officer or officers, within whose survey the said manors landes and tenementes, and other the premises, or any part thereof shall be, or within any of the, which byll shall be signed sealed had and made as is aforesaid, before any byll shall be thereof signed by the kynges maiestie, that than every of the said patentees grauntees and donees, their heires executors or administrators, within one yere next after due p[ro]ofe and decree thereof made and had in the court, within whose survey the same castels manors landes tenementes or other the premises, or any parcell thereof than shall be, shall content and pay vnto the kynge for the same ouer plus and more value, for the same manors landes tenementes tithes pensions portions and other hereditamentes to him solde or exchanged, after such rate as the other landes and tenementes were before to him solde or exchanged: And for the ouerplus and more value of such landes and tenementes, as shall happen to be giuen by the kynges maiestie, and not solde as is aboue sayd, the sayd patentee, his heires executors or administrators shall content and pay to the kynge after the rate of .xx. yeres purchase: so that the same p[ro]ofe and decree be had and made in court as abouesaid, within ten yeres next after the date of the said letters patentes.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte or any p[ro]vision clause or article therein conteyned, shall not be vnderstand or interpreted to be hurtfull or p[re]iudiciall to any the kynges letters patentes, indentures or wrytynges heretofore made, conceyning any bargaynes couenauntes sales grauntes, exchanges or gyftes of any castels, manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee simple, or in fee tayle, sythen the fourth day of February, in the .xxvii. yere of his maiesties reigne and before the .xxviii. day

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of xxxij. in the xxviii. yere of his sayde highnes reygne, vnder any of the
seales aboue specified in this acte: no; to any act or statute heretofore made
fo; the corroboracion of any such letters patentes indentures or writings.

**An act that synes in towne coporate shalbe made as the
same heretofore time haue ben. Cap. xxii.**



Where in the parlyament, holden in the xxviii. yere of our
most dyede soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight. It was
enacted by auctorite of the said parlyament amonges other;
that no syne scoffement or other acte or actes, hereafter to be
made, sullied or done by the husband onely of manours, lan-
des, tenementes, or hereditamentes, being the inheritaunce
or the freholde of his wyfe, during the couerture betwene them shal in any
wyse be or make any discontinuance therof, or be prejudiciall or hurtefull
to the sayde wyfe, or to her heires, or to suche as shall haue ryght title or in-
terest by the same by the death of such wyfe or wyues: but the same wyfe and
her heires, and suche other to whom suche ryght shall apperteyne, after her
deceasse, shall and may then lawfully entre in to all suche manours, landes,
tenementes, and hereditamentes, accordyng to their rightes and titles ther-
in. Any suche syne scoffement or other acte to the contrary not withstan-
dyng: Withens the makynge of whiche act dyuers doubtes, questions, and
ambiguities haue ryisen, That is to saye, whether the recoueries and dedes
enrolled, whiche be in nature of synes, and wherupon women couert haue
ben bled to be examined, taken, had, or knowlegged, as well within the ci-
tie of London as in many other citie, boroughes and towne within the
realme of Englande, shulde bynde all suche women couert, that shuld hap-
pen to be examined upon the same recoueries and dedes enrolled. In auoi-
dyng therfore of all suche ambiguities and doubtes, Be it enacted by the
kyng our soueraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempo;all, and the
commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the
same, that all recoueries, dedes enrolled and releasses heretofore knowlegged
and taken, or at any tyme hereafter to be taken and knowlegged, before the
maires, aldermen, recorder, chamberleines, or other head officer or officers,
as well of the citie of London, as of any other citie, borough, or towne co-
porate within the realme of England, haupng power and auctorite to take
and receiue the same accordyng to the laudable vsages and customes of the
saide citie, boroughes and towne and euery of them, shalbe stande and re-
maine of lyke force strength and effect, to al intentes and purposes, as they
or any of them were before the makinge of the said act, in the said xxxii. yere
of our said soueraigne lord: Any thyng in the same act contained to the con-
trary in any wyse not withstanding.

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CAn act for the due execution of proclamations. Cap. xxiii.



Where in the parliament holden at westm. the. xxiii. day of Aprill, in the. xxi. yere of the kynges most gracious reygne that now is, & there continued tyll the. xxiii. day of June then nexte ensuing, It was enacted emonges other thinges by the kynges maiestie, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in the sayde parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same parliament, that the kyng, for the tyme being, with thadvisse of his honorable counsaile, whose names be mectoned in the same act, or with thadvisse of the more part of them, myght set forth at all tymes, by the auctorite of the same acte, his proclamations, vnder such penalties and pynes, and of suche sorte, as to his highnes and his sayd honorable counsaile, or the more parte of them, shuld seme necessary and requisite: and that the same shulde be obeyed obserued and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parliament, for the tyme in them limited, onlesse the kyng dispence with them or any of them vnder his great seale. And it was then further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree, or conditton so euer he or they be, whiche at any tyme from thenseforth, shuld wilfully offende and breake, or obstinately not obserue and kepe any such proclamation, or any article therein conteyned, which shuld procede from the kynges maiesty by the aduise of his counsaile, as is aforesayde: that than all and euery suche offendour or offendours, being therof within one halfe yere next after their or his offence committed, accused, and therof within. xiiii. monethes nexte after the same conuicted, by confession or lawfull witnesse and proofes, befoze the archbishop of Canturbury metropolitane, the chauncellour of Englande, the lord Treasourer of England, the president of the kynges most honourable counsaile, the lord pzeuie seale, the great Chamberleine of Englande, the lord admirall, the lord Steward or graund maister, the lord Chamberleine of the kynges most honorable housholde, two other bishoppes, being of the kynges counsaile, such as his grace shulde appoint for the same, the Secretary, the Tresourer, and the Comptroller of the kynges most honorable housholde, the maister of the hoyses, the two chief Judges, and the maister of the rolles for the tyme beinge, the chauncellour of chaungementions, the chauncellour of the Duchy, the chiefe baron of theschequier, the two general suruicours, the chauncellour of the eschequer, the vnder treasurer of the same, the treasurer of the kynges chaumber for the tyme beinge, in the sterre chaumber at westmynster or els where, or at the least befoze the halfe of the number afoze rehersted. Of which number the lord chancellour, the lord treasurer, the lord president of the kynges most honorable counsaile, the lord p. sup seale, the chamberlayne of Englande, the lord admiral, the two chiefe iudges for the tyme beinge, or two of them shall be two, shall lose and paye suche penalties, forfaictures of summes of money

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money, to be leised of his oꝝ their landes tenementes goodes and cattalles to the kynges vse, and also suffer such imprisonment of his body, as shuld be expresse mencioned and declared, in any suche proclamation oꝝ proclamations, which suche offendour oꝝ offendours shall offende and bꝛake oꝝ not obserue and kepe, contrary to the saide acte, as is aforesaide, as by the same acte moze at large it may and dothe appere. Withens the makinge of which saide acte, the kinges highnes, with the adusse of his laide counsaile, and accordyng to the tenour and purpoꝛ of the same act, hath foꝛ the welth profite and commoditie of this his realme, caused diuers good and godly proclamations to be made, which diuers cull disposed persons haue wilfully and obstinately bꝛoken and not obserued oꝝ kepe, and therbyon diuers and sundꝛe informations haue ben gyuen and had foꝛ the kyng agaynst the same offendours, befoze the laide honorable counsaile mencioned in the sayd acte, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the same acte, and the same informations, after issue ioyned, and witnesses published, haue taken no effecte ende oꝝ perfecte determination, within the time lyꝛmitted by the same act, foꝛ and in default that there hath not ben present so many of the kinges sayde moost honourable counsaile, as be lyꝛmitted and appointed by the same acte, and so therby offendours haue ben and be like herafter to be unpunished, to the great encouragynge of all suche lyke offendours. Wherfoze be it now enacted and ordeyned, by the kyng oure soueraygne loꝛde, with the assent of the loꝛdes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that all and every iugement, sentence, oꝝ decre, herafter to be had taken made oꝝ giuen agaynst any person oꝝ persons, in oꝝ vpon any information suite oꝝ plaint concerning any offence oꝝ offences, done oꝝ committed, oꝝ herafter to be done oꝝ committed agaynst the tenour purpoꝛte oꝝ effecte of any such proclamation oꝝ proclamations hertofoze set foꝛth had made and proclaimed oꝝ herafter to be set foꝛth had made and proclaimed accordyng to the true entent and meanynge of the saide foꝛmer acte, shal oꝝ may be giuen had and made by the laide counsel, oꝝ any number of them, so there be then present the ful number of .ix. persons of the laide counsel, wher of the loꝛd Chauncellour, the loꝛd Tresourer, the loꝛd President of the kinges moost honourable counsaile, the loꝛd Priuie seale, the Chamberleine of Englande, the loꝛde Admiral, the two chiefe iudges foꝛ the time beinge, oꝝ two of them at the least shalbe two. And that the same iudgement sentence oꝝ decre so had made oꝝ giuen, as is aforesaid, shal by the auctorite aforesaid, be and stand good & auailable in the lawe, and of like foꝛce and effect in al and every thinge and thynges contained oꝝ mencioned in the saide foꝛmer act, to al intentes construction and purposes, as if the same iudgement oꝝ decre were giuen oꝝ made by the number of the laide counsaile, appointed by the said foꝛmer act: any clause sentence article oꝝ matter in the same foꝛmer act conteneid to the contrary herof not withstanding. This acte to endure duringe the kinges maiesties life, whiche oure loꝛde longe preserve,

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In act for the assurance of certain landes to John Hynde serleant at lawe and to his heires, payng therfoze yerely .x.li. towarde the charges of the knightes of Cambridge shire for the time beyng. Cap. xxiiii.



Where certaine persons were incofessed of and in the manour of Burlewass, otherwise called the shire manour of the countie of Cambridge, lieng and beinge in Whaddingley in the said countie, and of and in tow hundred acres of lande, one hundred acres of medowe, one hundred acres of pasture, with thappurtenances in Whaddingley aforesaide in the same countie, beinge in the hole of the yerely value of tenne poundes, and so letten to ferme at this day, to the vse and intent, that the profittes therof shuld yerely be receiued and take for and towarde the paiement of the fees & wages of the knightes of the same countie of Cambridge, being chose for the parliament with in the same countie, at such time & times, as it shuld please the kinges most royall maiestie, his heires or successours, to call his or their hygh courte of parlyament, wherby the inhabitauntes within the saide countie of Cambridge heretofore haue ben clerely discharged for and concernynge the payment of the knightes wages for the parliament. And for the sure and moze perfect continuance therof, and that the yerly value of the same manour and other the pzemisses, may be from hensforthe conuerted to the same vse and purpose, and also to the intent that it may be perfectly knownen, what person hereafter shall be tenant of the pzemisses, and charged to answere and pay the said yerely ferme or rent of ten poundes yerely for the same, and what persons shall hereafter receiue the said rent to the vles and intentes aforesaid: all the gentylmen of the saide countie of Cambridge, as wel for them selues as for the hole inhabitauntes of the same countie, most humbly desyre y kinges most excellent highnes, that it may be enacted, by his most royall maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempoꝝall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that John Hynde, one of the kinges sergeantes at lawe, and his heires, shall from hensforthe haue holde and enioy to him his heires and assignes for ever, to the only and propre vse of the said John Hynde, & his heires, the said manour landes tenementes & all other y pzemisses before rehearsed, and euery parcel of the same, vnder the conditions folowing: that is to say, that the said John Hynde his heires & assignes for ever, shall yelde and pay yerely for the same pzemisses, and at the feast of saint Michael that changel ten poundes sterling, to such persons & their successours, as shall be by this present act incorpoyated and enabled to receiue the same.

And also that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that Edward Forthe knight, shiriffe of the said shire, and Thomas Rudstone esquier, knightes of the said shire of Cambridge for this present parliament shall be one body incorpoyate, and that they and their successours, knygh-

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tes of the said countie of Cambridge for the time being, and the Shireffe of the said countie also for the time being, shall by this present acte be encoꝝ-
porated by the name of wardens of the fees & wages of the knightes of
the Shire of Cambridge, chosen for the parliament, and shall haue perpetu-
all succession for euer in the same, and shall impleade and be impleaded by
the saide name. Which knightes of the Shire for the tyme being, and after
the parliament dissolved, as long as they shalbe living, vntil other knigh-
tes of the said Shire shalbe chosen for the parliament next ensuing, shal haue
and perceiue the said yerely rent of .x. li. and conuert the same to their owne
propry bles by equal portions towarde the maintenance of their charges.
And whan any one of the said knightes of & for the said Shire chosen shall
dye: Than the suruiuour immediately from time to time shal haue and per-
ceiue the sayde yerely rent of .x. li. to his owne sole and propre ble, vntil the
time that new knightes of the said Shire shalbe elected for the parliament,
who immediately after their election shal haue and perceiue the said yere-
ly rent of .x. li. And if both the said knightes of the said Shire shall happen
to die, than the Shireffe of the said Shire yerely for the time being, shal haue
and perceiue the said yerely rent of .x. li. to his owne onely ble, and so to con-
tinue vnto the time that other knightes of the said Shire, shal be chosen for
the parliament than next folowynge, as is aforesaid, and so to continue af-
ter the saide rate for euer.

¶ And also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if it shall fortune
the said yerely rent of .x. li. or any parte thereof to be behynde vnpaid, if
any of the wardens aforesaid, or any of their seruantes or assignes de-
maund the same, in the name or names of any of the said wardens, at any
tyme after the sayd day of payment expired as is aforesaid: Than it shal
be lausfull to and for the said wardens to recouer the said rent by action of
debte at the common lawe, agaynst the owners fermours tenauntes and
occupiers of the same, or any of them, or elles at their pleasures to discrein
for the said yerely rent of .x. li. & the arerages of the same, in the said ma-
nour, and al other manours, meases landes tenementes and other heredi-
tamentes what soeuer, of the said John Wynde, his heires and assignes in
Whaddingley aforesaid, which said manours landes and tenementes shall
be alwayes chargeable to the distresse of the said wardens for the time be-
inge, for none payment of the saide yerely rent, and the arerages of the
same. And that it shall be lesfull for them, the same distresses with them to
receyue, vnto the time that the said yerely rent of .x. li. together with the ar-
erages and cosles of the same, vnto the said wardens for the time being,
as their tourne shal come to haue the profittes of the same, shalbe wel and
truly contented and payed. And if it shall fortune the said yerely rente of
.x. li. or any part thereof to be vnpayde by the space of thre monethes next
after the daye of payment thereof, as aforesayde: then it shall be lesfull to
and for the sayde wardens for the tyme being, their seruantes and as-
signes or any of them, in to the said manour landes & tenementes in Whad-
dingley

bynglyp aforesaid, by what so euer name or names the same be knowen or called, to entre and the same and the profits thereof continually to receive to their owne sole propre uses, vnto the time that the said yearly rent, together with the arrears thereof (if any shall be) vnto the said wardynes shall be well and truly contented and payed, by the said John Wynde his heires and assignes or one of them as aforesaid: and so from time to time whan any suche chaunce shall happen, withoute any vexation, suite, or trouble of the tenants, fermours, owners, or occupiers of the same, the said wardens shal entre and haue and enjoy the said manour of Burlewes landes and tenementes aforesaid, as afoze is declared. Any thing in this present act contained to the contrary herof in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ And further that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, þ if it shall happen that the said manours landes and tenementes or any parte thereof to come to the kinges handes, his heires or successours, by wardeshyppe, primer seison, eschete, or otherwise, that not withstandinge the said rent shall be yearly payed vnto the said wardens for the time beinge, to the uses and intentes aforesaid, and by the auctoritie of this present acte al receyours bailiffes and other ministers to the kinges highnes, his heires & successours and euery of them, shal haue sufficient warrant to pay the said rent as aforesaid, and to be allowed of the payment of the same by vertue of this present act, without any other warrant from the kinges highnes to be made for the same.

¶ Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if hereafter it shall happen, that the said manour of Burlewes, and the landes and tenementes aforesaide, with thappurtenances or any part thereof to be recovered by faint pleader reddition or other fraude or couyn: than it shalbe lawfull to and for the said wardens and euery of them al times hereafter into the said manour landes and tenementes so recovered by couyn, to recetre, and the same to haue & enjoy to them & their successours for euer: Any thing in this present acte conteyned to the contrary herof in any wise not withstandinge. Hauing to euery person & persons bodies pollicke and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires & successors of euery of them, other than the said persons and their heires, that now be and hereafter shall be seised or in possession of the said manor of Burlewes landes and tenementes and other the premises with thappurtenances, to thuses and intentes aforesaid, towarde the payment of the fees wages & other charges of the said knightes of the said shire of Cambridge, and sherriffes of the said countie for the time beinge, as afoze is rehearsed, al such title possession right interest action & condition, as they or any of them hath in and to the same, or in or to any part thereof, as fully and holly as if this present act had neuer ben had or made: Any thing contained in this present act to the contrary herof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that in consideration of the premises, the countie of Cambridge, and the inhabitantes of the same,

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same,shal herafter for euer be dyscharged of all suche summes of money,as hertofore haue bene accustomed to be leuyed and payde for the fees of the knightes of the parliament of the said countie.

In act that the inhabitantes of Doole may erect a wyndmill, and
a Conduite within the kynges maiesties waste ground
of Baiter. Cap. xlv.



A most humble wise shewen vnto your most excellent highnes, your pooze daily oratours and true and faythfull subiectes, the maite burgesses and inhabitantes of your towne and pozte of Doole, in your countie of Dorset, that where your sayde oratours and their pcedecessours burgesses and inhabitantes of your said towne and pozt alwaies hertofore time out of minde haue ben compelled and dnyen of very necessitie, to cary a recarpy al maner their coine p;ouided for the sustentation of their poze householdes, vnto certaine milles being. lxxi. milles distant at the least from your said towne and pozt, to grinde, to the great losse trouble and vnquietnes of your sayd oratours. For remedy wherof, and for the moze ease quietnes and commoditie of your said oratours, and the moze and better safegard of your said towne and pozt: Be it enacted, ordeined, and established, by your highnes, with thassent of the lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and the commons in this your pꝛesent high court of parlyament assembled, and by the auctoꝛitie of the same, that it shalbe lafull to your sayd oratours, and to their successours, at their libertie and plesure, to erect, make, frame and set vp, at in and vpon your waste ground and common within the said towne called Baiter, in a place there most requisite & conuenient, at their pꝛopꝛe costes and charges, one good and sufficient windmill, to serue the said towne and pozt, and the burgesses and inhabitantes of the same, and to take and haue one hundredth foote of assise square of the said waste ground, for a conuenient hill to be made to set one windmill vpon. And also like libertie and licence to set one conduite head at a certaine place called Coenam, within the kynges waste ground without the said towne of Doole, taking and hauing. xli. fote of assise square of the same ground, for the situation of the same conduite head, for the conueying of freshe water, for the seruyng of the same towne, and to haue also lyke free libertie to digge and dꝛawe in by thꝛoughe and vpon all places and waies ther vnto moste mete and conuenient, with free course and recourse, in to and from the same at al times herafter for euer: peldyng and payng therfor perely vnto your highnes, your heires and successours, one peper coine, if it be asked, for al other exactions seruices and demandes, and your said oratours shal accordyng to their moste bounden dueties, continually praye to god for the pꝛosperous pꝛeseruacion of your moste noble and royall maiestie long in felicitie to reigne and endure.

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**An acte for the Subsidie of
temporaltie.**



WE THE KYNGES moste lounge and obedyent sub-
iectes the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the comons
in this pzeſent parliament assembled, do well knowe, per-
ceyue, and vnderſtande, by the ſerche, ſyght, and exami-
nation of diuers and ſondy olde auncient and autentike
rolles, patentes, wytinges and recordes, openly and ma-
niſteſtly exhibited and maturely reade and debated in this
pzeſent parliament, that the kynges maiesty our moſt naturall and dyad
ſouerayn lord, hath good iuſte title ryght and intereſſe to the crowne and
realme of Scotlande: That is to ſaye, ſynce the moſt noble progenitours
of the kynges maiesty, kynges of this realme, from the fyrſte institution
and eſtablyſhement of the kyngedome realme and crowne of Scotlande,
and longe after, were iuſtly and laufully the ſupreme and naturall ſoue-
rayne lordes of the ſayde realme and crowne of Scotlande, and had the
ſubiectiō and obediēce therof in ſuch caſe, that the kynges of Scotland
dyd to them homage ſeruiſe and fealty for the ſaide realme and crowne of
Scotlande, and the Iſles and membres of the ſame. And afterwarde for
dyuers and ſondy great crimes treaſons and rebellions, attempted done
and committed by the kynges of Scotlande vnto the moſt noble proge-
nitours of the kynges highnes, The ſame progenitours kynges of this
realme iuſtly obteyned and had the immediat reall and proper dominion
of the ſaid realme and crowne of Scotlande, whoſe intereſtes ryghtes and
titles of the ſayd progenitours of our ſayd ſouerayn lord, of in and to the
ſaide realme and crowne of Scotlande, is laufully deſcended beſted and
come vnto the kynges maiesty. And albeſt that the enterpryſe and actual
exerciſe of his highnes ſayd title and right hath ben ſpared and forborne,
as well by his maiesty, as by the late noble kyng his highnes father of
famous memoie kyng Henry the. vii. in reſpecte of marriage and proxi-
mity of blood, and alſo of the minoxity of the late kyng of Scotlande,
nepheu vnto the kynges maiesty: Yet that ſuccelle and ſoybearng, ne any
other thinges ſuffered by any of his maiesties moſt noble progenitours,
can ne ought in any wyſe appaie preiudice or hurte the iuſte ryght tytle
and intereſſe of our ſaid ſouerayn lord, grounded ſo certainly and ſurely
as it is by good auncient and autentike recordes and wytinges, recogni-
ſed and confirmed by ſondy patentes vnder the great ſeale of Scotlande,
will be it the ſaid late pretended kyng of Scotlande, beynge but an vſurper
of the crowne and realme of Scotlande, by the ayde and ſuccoure of the
ſubiectes of the ſame, hath now of late diuers and ſondy tymes moſt cru-
elly and maliciously made and committed ſondy inuafions vſurpations
injuries murders ſlaughters burnynges ſpoiles robberies and other no-
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glande agaynst Scotlande, and vpon the kynges lounge subiectes there dwellinge and inhabiting, agaynst all honour reason honestie leges and amitte hertofore made by the sayde late pretended kyng, to the kynges maiestie, as well by wyting vnder his great seale, confirmed by his othe, as by his letters, ambassadours, oratours, and comissioners. And all be it the kynges moste royall maiestie (consyderinge the sayde late pretended kyng to be his nephew) vse all reasonable wayes and meanes to haue reduced and brought hym to honest condicions of peace and quietnes: yet neuertheles the saide late kyng of Scottes offeringe by saye dissuulunge wordes, to come to reason and honest condicions, byd neuertheles still persiste continue and increase in his wylfull and peruerse errours and attemptates, after suche sorte and fashyon, that the kynges maiestie myght not, of his princely courage, any longer beate or susteyne with his honour: but was constrained, to vse his kyngly force, for defence reuengement and reformation of the sayde notable inuasions incurres usurpations wronges iniuries and attemptates: And for that purpose, at his inestimable charges, not only leued a great armie, as well by see as by lande, but also increased and enforced his highnes garrisons, as well agaynst Scotlande, as at Caleys and Gwynes, and other marches of the realme, with notable nombres of souldiours & menne of warre, whiche men of warre and souldiours, were so wysely, prudently, and politikely directed and instructed by his royall maiestie, that (thanks be to almyghty god) his highnes hath had and optayned sondry notable victories vpon the saide Scottes, as the lyke hath not ben seene in many yeres. For byuers of the nobilitie, gentylmen, and cominaltie of Scotlande (at sondry late conflictes of warre betwene them and the Englyshemen) haue ben slayne and kyled, and many taken, and remayne yet as prisoners to our sayde souerayne lord: To the great renowne fame and honour of his maiestie, and the hole realme, and to the good suretie of the same. For the whiche moste princely prudent and politike doinges and proceedings of our sayd souerayne lord, for our sureties and defences: we his saide humble and obedient subiectes do rendre and gyue to his most royall maiestie our most hartie and lounge thanks.

And for as moch as amonge other considerations and respectes, that ciuile and polityke bodys ought to haue in all comon welthes, they shuld most principally and specially regarde studie and deupse for the conseruation and increase of the royall estate honour dignitie and estimation of theyr cheife heade and souerayne lord, by whome they be stayed and gouerned: and for the preservation and suretie of his person, and of his succession, and with all theyr powers myghte and substance, to resiste and stande agaynst all suche, whiche by violence force fraude discrepte or other wyse wolde attempte to decrease diminishe apperze or hurte the same in body dignitie title or honour. We therfore the kynges maiesties most lounge and obedient subiectes, assembled in this present parliament, being

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his civill and politike body of this realme, considering that it hath pleased almyghty god, by his divine providence, to call to his mercy the saide late pretended kynge of Scottes: By reason wherof the kynges maiestie, our most dreadde soueraygne lord, hath now at this present (by the infinite goodness of god) a tyme apace & promise for the recouerye of his sayd right and title to the saide crowne & realme of Scotlande. And waping also the great and inestimable costes and charges, that his highnes hath had and susteyned, sithen the begynnynge of his said warres with Scotlande, and must still beare and susteyne, as well for recoueryng of his said title, as for the continuance of his sayde warres, for our defences agaynst the malice of Scotlande: yll they be reduced to honest & reasonable condicions: Wherbyng to supporte and beare with our sayd soueraygne lord, after our simple powers, somewhat towards the alleviation of his said great and most exceeding charges and expences, do by our owne mutuall assentes and agrementes, with one hole voyce and hartie good will, by auctoritie of this present parliament, gyue and graunte vnto his maiestie, one entier subsidie, to continue by the space of thye yerres, to be rated taxed leuied and payde, of every person spirituall and tempozall, of what estate or degree he be of, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, in maner and forme followinge: That is to saye, of every person and orphane bozne within this realme of Englande wales or other the kynges dominions, being worth xx. s. and vnder, v. poundes, for every pounce, as well in coyne, and the value of every pounce, that every suche personne or orphane hath of his owne, or to any other vse, as also plate stocke and marchaundyse, all manner of coynes and blades seuered from the grounde, householde stuffe, and of all other goodes mouable, as well within this realme as without, and of all suche summes of money as to hym is owynge, wherof he trusteth in his conscience surely to be payde: excepte and of the premises deducted, suche summes of money, as he oweth, and in his conscience truly intendeth to paye: And excepte also the apparetill of all suche personnes theyr wyfes and chyldren belongynge to theyr owne bodies, sauyng twelue golde syluer stone and other. iiii. pens. of and for every pounce. And also of every other person, bozne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce being worth the fyue poundes in goodes, as is before specified, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, in all his goodes, as is before saide. viii. pens. of and for every pounce. And lyke wyse of every person, bozne vnder the kynges obeyssaunce, worth in goodes, as is above sayde, tenne poundes, and vnder the value of twenty poundes, shall paye for every pounce. xvi. s. And also of every other personne, being worth in goodes, as is before sayde. xx. poundes, and so bywardes, of and for every pounce. ii. s. And of every alien and straunger, bozne out of the kynges obeyssaunce, as well denison as other, inhabityng within this realme, for every pounce that he or they haue in coyne, and the value of every pounce in plate, coyne, graynes, blades of coyne seuered frome the grounde, marchaundyse,

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householde stuffe, or other goodes Jewelles and chattelles mouable, as is afore saide, as well within this realme as without, and of all summes of money, to hym or them owyng, wherof he or they truste in his or theyr conscience or consciences to be payde, except and of the same p[re]misses deducted every suche summes of money, which he or they do owe, and in his or theyr conscience intende truly to pay: of and for every pound, vnder. v. p[ou]ndes, viii. d. And of and from. v. p[ou]ndes v[er]ward, and vnder. x. p[ou]ndes, for every pound. xvi. d. And lykewyse of and from. x. p[ou]ndes, and vnder. xx. p[ou]ndes, for every pound in goodes, as is afore saide. ii. s. viii. d. And of every. xx. p[ou]ndes in goodes as is befoze reherced, & so v[er]warde, of every p[ou]nde. iiii. s. And also that every alien and straunger, bozne out of the kynges dominion, beyng denison or not denison, beyng of the age of. xvi. yeris and so v[er]warde, not beyng contributoze to the rate afore sayde, shall paye for every polle. iiii. d. And the mayster, or he with whome the same alien is or shalbe abydyng, at the tyme of the yerely taxation therof, to be charged with the same for lacke of payment therof.

AND be it further enacted by the auctorite afore said, that every pers[on] bozne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, shall paye of and for every p[ou]nde, that the same person, or any other to his vse, hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeris, by execution, by warde, by copie of courtte colle, or at wylle, of or in any honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes seruice hereditamentes annuites fees corrodies or other p[ro]fyttes, of the yerely value of. xx. s. and vnder. v. p[ou]ndes, for every p[ou]nd. viii. d. And of fyue p[ou]ndes and vnder. x. p[ou]ndes, for every p[ou]nd. xvi. d. And of. x. p[ou]ndes, and vnder. xx. p[ou]ndes, for every p[ou]nd. ii. s. And of. xx. li. and of every p[ou]nd aboue the said summe of. xx. p[ou]ndes, for every p[ou]nd iii. s. And of every alien or stranger, bozne out of the kynges obeysaunce, as well denison as other, for every p[ou]nde that the same alien or stranger, or any other to his vse, hath or haue in fourme afore sayde, in landes tenementes or other yerely p[ro]fyttes, as is afore said, of the yerely value of. xx. s. and vnder. v. p[ou]ndes. xvi. d. for every p[ou]nd. And of every yerely value of. v. p[ou]ndes, & vnder. x. p[ou]ndes. ii. s. viii. d. for every p[ou]nde: And of. x. p[ou]ndes in yerely value, & vnder the value of. xx. p[ou]ndes. iiii. s. for every p[ou]nd: And of every. xx. p[ou]ndes in yerely value in landes & other the p[re]misses, as is afore saide, or aboue. vi. s. for every p[ou]nde. And that all copie plate Jewelles goodes and cattalles personalles, beinge in the rule & custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any cop[or]ation fraternitie gylde mistrie brotherhed, or any cominaltie, being cop[or]at or not cop[or]ate, be & shalbe rated set and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the p[re]sentours of that certificat to be sworne, of every p[ou]nde in goodes, as is aboue said, vnder. v. p[ou]ndes. viii. d. for every p[ou]nd: And of every. v. p[ou]ndes, & of every p[ou]nde, vnder. x. p[ou]ndes. xvi. d. for every p[ou]nd. And of every. x. p[ou]ndes, & of every p[ou]nd vnder. xx. p[ou]ndes. ii. s. viii. d. for every p[ou]nd: And of every. xx. p[ou]ndes, & so v[er]warde. iiii. s. for every

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every pound. And that all manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes in fee simple, fee taylor, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by copie of courte rolle, at wyll, after the custome of the manour, or othertwysse, beyng in the rule & custodie of any person or persons, to the vse or profite of any corporatiō fraternitie guylde misterie brotherhed or cominaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be and shalbe rated and charged by reason of this acte, as the yerely value shalbe certified by the presentours of that certificat to be sworne, of and for every pound, vnder .v. poundes. xvi. d. And of every .v. li. and vnder .x. poundes. ii. s. viii. d. for every pound: And of every .x. li. and vnder .xx. poundes, for every pound. iiii. s. And of every .xx. li. & so upward, vi. s. for every pound. And the sumes (as are befoze reherced) set & taxed, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue suche goodes in custodie or othertwise charged for landes, as befoze is reherced: and the same person or persons, by the auctorite of this act, shalbe discharged against hym or them, that shal or ought to haue the same, at the tyme of the paymēt or deliuerie therof, or at his othertwise departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except & alwayes forpyssed fro the charge & assessment of this subsidie, al goodes cattalles ierels & ornamētes of churches & chapels, or detened & vled in churches or chapels for the honoz & seruice of almighty god.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctorite of this present parliament, that every such person, as well such as be bozne vnder the kynges obeisance, as every other person stranger bozne, denison or not denison, inhabiting with in this realme or within Wales, whiche at the tyme of the said assessinge or taxatiō yerely to be had or made, shalbe out of this realme, & out of Wales, and haue goodes or cattalles, landes or tenementes, fees or annuities, or other yerely profittes within this realme, or in Wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same by the certificat of the inhabitantes of the parties, where suche goodes cattals landes tenementes or other the premisses then shalbe, or in such other place, where suche person, or his factour deputie or attourney shal haue his most resoꝛt vnto, within this realme or in Wales, in like maner as if the same person were or had ben at the tyme of the same assessing, within this realme. And that every person abyding or dwelling within this realme, or without this realme, shalbe charged & chargeable to the same subsidie graunted by this acte, accordyng & after the rate of such yerely substance & value of landes & tenementes, goodes cattals and other the premisses, as every person so to be charged, shalbe set at, in þe tyme of the said assessing or taxatiō vpon hym to be made, & in none other wyse. That is to say every person & orphane, beyng worth. xx. s. in goodes and vnder .v. poundes, as befoze is reherced, to pay the fyfthe pte of the said thye yeres. ii. d. of every pound: And every of the two yeres after, residue of the said thye yeres, i. d. of every pounde. And likewise every person and orphane, bozne vnder the kynges obeysance, being worth in goodes. v. poundes, & vnder .x. poundes, as is aboue said, to paye the fyfth pte of the sayde thye yeres. iiii. d. of every pounde: and to pay every of the two yeres, residue of the sayde

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thre pences. ii. d. of every pounce. And also every other person and orphane, beyng worth in goodes tenne poundes, and vnder the value of. xx. poundes, as is befoze said, to paye the fyrste pence. viii. d. of every pounce: and to pay every of the two pences, residue of the saide thre pences. iiii. d. of every pounce. And also every person and orphane, beyng worth in goodes, as is aboue said. xx. poundes and bpwardes: to paye the fyrste pence of the saide thre pences. viii. d. of every pounce: and in every of the two pences, residue of the sayd thre pences. viii. d. of every pounce. And lyke wise every alien and stranger bozne, as well denison as not denison, and all fraternities gylde- des copozations and bzootherheades, haupng and being worth in goodes as befoze is reherseb. xx. s. and vnder fyue poundes. every of them to pay for the fyrst pence of the saide thre pences, of every pounce. iiii. d. and in every of the two pences, residue of the sayd thre pences. ii. d. of every pounce. And also every alien and stranger bozne, as well denison as not denison, and al copozations fraternities gylde des misteries and bzootherheades, haupnge and beyng worth in goodes fyue poundes, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, every of them to paye for the fyrste pence of the said thre pences, of every pounce. viii. d. and in every of the two pences, residue of the said thre pences. iiii. d. of every pounce. And the said aliens and strangers, copozations, fraternities gylde des misteries and bzootherheades, & every of them, haupnge o: beyng worth in goodes, as befoze is reherseb, the value of. x. poundes, and vnder the value of. xx. poundes, shall paye the fyrste pence of the saide thre pences, of every pounce. xvi. d. and to pay in every of the two pences, residue of the saide thre pences. viii. d. of every pounce. Also every alien and stranger bozne, denison o: not denison, fraternities gylde des copozations misteries and bzootherheades, and every of them, haupnge o: beyng worth in goodes cattalles and other the p:misses. xx. pounce, and so bpwarde, shall paye the fyrste pence of the saide thre pences of every pounce ii. s. and in every of the two pences, residue of the saide thre pences, to paye of every pounce. xii. d. And lyke wise every alien and straunger bozne, beyng of the age of. xvi. pences and bpwardes, not beinge contributoie to the rate afoze sayde, shall paye the fyrste pence of the saide thre pences, every polle. ii. d. and every of the two pences, residue of the saide thre pences, to pay every polle. i. d. And also every person bozne vnder the kynges obeyssance, of every pounce that the same person, o: any other to his vse, haue in fee simple, fee tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, by execution, by warde, by copie of courte rolle, o: at wyll, any honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes seruyces hereditamentes annuities fees cotrobie o: p:ofytes, as is aboue sayd, of the p:etely value of. xx. shyllinges: and vnder the value of. v. poundes, shall paye the fyrst pence of every pounce. iiii. d. and in every of the two pences, residue of the said thre pences, of every pounce. ii. d. And lyke wise every other person, that hath in landes and other the p:misses, fyue poundes by the pence, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, shall paye the firste pence of every pounce. viii. d. & in every of the two pences residue

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residue of the said thye peres, to paye of euery pound. iiii. s. And also euery person, haupnge landes and other the pzemisses, as is afoze saide, to the value of tenne poundes by the pere, and vnder the perely value of. xx. li. shall paye the fyrst pere of euery pound. viii. s. and in euery of the two peres, residue of the saide thye peres. viii. s. And like wyse euery person that hath in landes and other the pzemisses. xx. li. or aboue, shall paye in euery pere of the sayd thye peres. xii. s. of euery pound. And also euery alien or stranger, bozne out of the kynges obepsance, as well denison as other, for euery pound & the same alien or straunger, or any other to his vse hath in fourme afoze saide, in landes and tneementes, or other the pzemisses, of the perely value of. xx. s. and vnder fyue poundes, shall paye the fyrste pere of euery pounce. viii. s. and in euery of the two peres, residue of the said thye peres, to paye. iiii. s. of euery pounce. And of euery fyue poundes in landes and other the pzemisses, and vnder the value of tenne poundes, shall paye the fyrst pere of the said thye peres. xvi. s. of euery pound: and in euery of the two peres, residue of the sayde thye peres, to paye. viii. s. of euery pounce. And lykwyse euery alien or straunger bozne, haupnge landes or other the pzemisses, as befoze is sayd, of the perely value of tenne poundes, and vnder the perely value of. xx. poundes, shall paye the fyrste pere of the sayde thye peres of euery pound. ii. s. and in euery of the two peres, residue of the sayd thye peres to paye for euery pound. xii. s. And also euery other alien or straunger bozne, denison or not denison, haupng landes or other the pzemisses, as is befoze sayde, at the tyme of his taration or settyng, of the perely value of. xx. li. or aboue, shall paye in euery of the sayde thye peres of euery pounce. ii. s. ¶ And the saide Subsidie shalbe taxed assessed and rated, accordyng to this acte, in euery shyre, rydyng, lathes, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, and euery other place, betwene the fyrst daye of September, and the. xx. daye of October. And the sayd summes of euery shyre, rydyng borough towne or other place afoze saide, of and for the said Subsidie to be taxed by commissiouners, of & to the same limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hyghe collectours: and shalbe certified perely, durynge the sayde thye peres, into the kynges Eschequer at Westmynster befoze the. xvi. daye of nouember, with the names of the hygh collectours of the same, And the said summes, in maner & fourme befoze saide taxed, shalbe perely payde into the kynges Resceipte of his Eschequer at Westmynster afoze saide, to the vse of our sayde soueraygne loyde, in euery of the saide thye peres, befoze the. vi. daye of februarye, durynge the saide thye peres. And the summes aboue saide, of and for the said Subsidie, shalbe taxed sette asked demanded taken gathered leuied and payde vnto the vse of our saide soueraygne loyde, in fourme aboue saide, as well within the libertties, franchisees, sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other what so euer place exempte or not exempte, as without. Excepte suche shyres places and persons as shalbe forpysed in and by this present acte: Sup graunt charter vse or liberttie, by reason of any letters patentees, or other wyse privileged,

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prescription allowance of the same, or what so euer other matter of dys-charge heretofore to the contrarie made graunted vsed or opteyned not withstan dyng.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that for the assesseynge and orderynge of the saide Subsidie, to be duely had, the lord Chauncellour of England, the lord Tresourer of England, the lord president of the kinges most honorable counsaile, and the lord pryue seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the lord Chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng, to be one of them, shall and maye name and appoynte, of and for euery shyre and rydinge and other places, as well within this realme as in wales, and also of and for euery cite and towne: beyng a countie in it selfe, and of and for the isle of wyght, such certayne nombre of persons of euery of the same shyres rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes cities and Isle, as to them shall be thought conuenient, of euery of the same shyres rydynges lathes wapentakes rapes cities townes and isle of wyght, and euery other place, and other the inhabitantes of the same to be commissioners within the same: wherof they be inhabitantes of the same. And also of and for the honorable householdes of the kyng our soueraygne lord, the Quene, and the Prynce, certayne of the head officers of the same, to be commissioners of the same householdes, in what shyres or other places the saide householdes shall happen then to be. And the lord Chauncellour, and other with him befoze named, in lyke maner may name and appoynt of euery other suche borough and towne corporate, as well in Englande as in wales, as they shall thynke requysite, sixe, fyue, foure, thre or two of the head officers, and other sadde and honest inhabitauntes of euery of the saide cities boroughes and townes corporate, accordyng to the numbre and multitude of people being in the same. The which persons (if any suche be therunto named of the sayde inhabitauntes, of the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng countie in them selves) shall be ioyned and put as commissioners with the persons named for such shyres and rydynges, as the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng countie in them selues, be set and haue they beyng: whiche persons so named for and of the sayde boroughes and townes corporate, not beyng countie, by reason of they dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them ne none of them, to put any parte of they commission in execution for the premises, out of the sayde borough or towne corporate, wherin they beyng so named onely for the same, be dwelling. And also not to execute the said commission within the borough or towne corporate, where they be so dwelling, but ioynly with thre at the least of the other commissioners, within the shyre or rydinge: And in that commission where they be so dwelling, at suche dayes and tymes, as the sayde other commissioners for the same shyre and rydinge, shall therunto limite & appoynte within the same borough or towne corporate, not beyng countie corporate, wherof they so be, and not out of suche borough or towne. And in that maner to be apoynte and assu-

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assisting with the said other commissioners, in and for the good execution of the effect of the said commission, upon payne of euery of the said commissioners so named, for euery suche title borough and towne corporate, not beinge a countie, to make suche fyne, as the said other commissioners in the commission of and for the said shyre or towne so named, or thre of them at the least, shall by the said discretions set & certifie into the kynges Exchequer there to be leuied vnto the vse of our soueraygne lord the kyng, in lyke maner as suche or lyke summes had bene sette and rated vpon euery suche person for the sayde Subsidie. The which commissioners so named of and for the said cities boroughes and townes, not beinge countie, and onely put in the sayde commission by reason of the said dwellinge in the same, shall not haue any parte of the portion of the fees or rewardes for the commissioners and the clerkes in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Chauncellour of England, or keeper of the kynges great seale for the tyme beinge, shall make and directe out of the court of the Chancerie, vnder the kynges great seale, seuerall commissions, That is to say, to euery shyre towne lathes wapentake rape citie towne borough Isle and householdes, vnto suche person and persons, as by his discretion, and other with him afore appointed or named, in lyke maner and fourme, as is afore reherced, shall be thought sufficient, for the sellinge and leuiege of the sayd subsidie in all shyres and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte, which commissions shall be directed and deliuered to the said commissioners, or to one of them, before the xijth day of August yerele duringe the said thre yeres, and to euery of the said commissions tenne seoules, conteynyng in them the tenour of this acte, shall be affiled. By the which commission the commissioners in euery suche commission named accordyng to this acte, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the kynges commission, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to put the effects of the sayde acte in execution. And by auctoritie of this acte, after suche commission to them directed, yerele duringe the sayde thre yeres, they may by the said assentes and agrementes, seuer them selues for the execution of the said commission, in hundredes lathes wardes rapes wapentakes townes parishes and other places, within the limittes of their sayde commission, in suche fourme as to them shall seme expedient to be ordered, and betwene them to be comened and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the commission to them therein directed. Upon which seuerance euery person of this present parliament, that shall be commissioner, shall be assigned in the hundred, wherein he dwelleth.

¶ It is provided alwaie that no person be or shall be compelled to be any commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but onely in the shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth: And that any person, beinge assigned to the contrarie herof, in any wyse shall not be compelled, to put in execution the effect of this acte, or any part therof.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament: that the commissioners, and euery of them, which shall be named limited and appointed

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popnted, accoꝝdyng to this acte to be cōmissioners in euery shyre tydpyng
lathes wapentake rape cytie towne bozough Tille and in the said houschol-
des, oꝝ any other place, and none other, shall truely effectually, and dyly-
gently foꝝ theyꝝ parte, execute the effecte of this pꝛesent acte, accoꝝdyng to
the tenour therof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse, by any other mea-
nes without omission fauour bꝛeade malpce oꝝ any other thyng to be at-
tempted oꝝ done by them oꝝ any of them to the cōtrary herof. And the saide
commissioners, oꝝ as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the saide cō-
mission, and none other, foꝝ the execution of the saide commission and acte,
shall perely durynge the saide thꝛe yerres, betwene the fyrste daye of Sep-
tember, and the .xx. daye of Octobꝛe, after cōmissions deliuered to them in
fourme aboue sayde, directe theyꝝ seuerall oꝝ ioynnt pꝛecepte, vnto. viii. vii.
vi. v. iiii. oꝝ thꝛe, oꝝ mo, as foꝝ the nombꝛe of the inhabitauntes shalbe re-
quisite, of the most substantiall discrete and honest persons inhabitaun-
tes, to be named by the sayde cōmissiōners oꝝ by as many of them, as
shalbe appoynted by the sayde commission, of and in hundꝛedes lathes ra-
pes wapentakes wardes parishes towne oꝝ other places, as well within
liberties franchises, auncient demeasne places exempted and sanctuaries,
as without, within the limittes of the shyres ridinges lathes wapentakes
rapes cities towne bozoughes oꝝ Tille afoꝛe saide, and other places with-
in the limittes of theyꝝ commissions: and to the constables subconstables
hayliffes and other lyke officers oꝝ ministers, of euery of the sayd hundꝛe-
des towne wardes lathes wapentakes parishes and other places befoꝛe
said, as to the sayde commissioners, and euery nombꝛe of them, vnto thꝛe
of them, by theyꝝ discretion in deuision, shall seme expedient, as by the ma-
ner and ble of that parties shalbe requisite, Grately by the same pꝛecepte
chargynge and cōmaundyng the same inhabitantes constables and other
officers afoꝛe saide, to whome suche pꝛecepte shalbe so directed, to appere
in theyꝝ pꝛoper persons befoꝛe the saide commissioners, oꝝ suche nombꝛe
of them as they shal deuide them selves, accoꝝdyng to the tenour of the said
commission, at certayne dayes and places, by the saide commissioners, oꝝ
any nombꝛe of them, as is aboue saide within cities bozoughes oꝝ towne
coꝛporate oꝝ without, in any other place, as is afoꝛe saide, by theyꝝ discre-
tions shalbe limited: There to do and accomplyshe all that to them on
the parte of our soueraygne loꝛde the kynge shalbe enioyned, touchinge
this acte. Commaundyng further by the same pꝛecepte, that he, to whose
handes suche pꝛecepte shall come, shall shewe oꝝ deliuer the same, to the
other inhabitauntes oꝝ officers, named in the same pꝛecepte. And that
none of them fayle to accomplyshe the same, bypon payne of. xl. s. to be
foꝛfayted to the kynge.

¶ And it is ordeyned by the saide auctorite of this parliament, that the
saide daye and place pꝛefixed and limited in the sayde pꝛeceptes, euery of
the cōmissioners then beyng in the shyre, and haupng no sufficient excuse
foꝝ his absente: shall at the saide daye and place pꝛefixed, foꝝ that parte,
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wherunto he was limited, appere in his proper persō: And there the same commissioners beyng present, or by as many as shall be appoynted by the kynges commission, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabitauntes and officers, to whome they have directed the sayde preceptes, and whiche had in comaundement there to appere by the said precepte of the said commissioners. And if any person so warned make default, unless he shall then be letted by sickness or lausfull excuse, and that let then to be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons: or if any so appereng refuse to be swozne in fourme folowynge, to forsaite to the kyng. xl. s. And so at every tyme, durynge the saide thye yeris prefixed for the same cause, vnto suche tyme the number of every suche persons haue appered, and certified in fourme underwriten: And every of them so makynge default, or refusynge to be swozne, to forsaite to the kyng. xl. s. And vpon the same apparance had, one of the most substancfull inhabitauntes or officer, so there beyng warned and apperynge before the said commissioners, shall be swozne perely, durynge the said thye yeris, vpon a boke openly before the commissioners in fourme folowynge.

I shall truly inquire with my felowes, that shall be charged with me, of the hundred wapentake warde towtne or other place, of the best & most value of the substance of every person, dwelling and abydynge within the limites of the places, that I and my felowes shall be charged with: & of other, whiche shall have his or theyr most resoite vnto any of the same places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of the saide Subsidie: and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touchynge the sayd acte, and accordynge to thintent of the same, and there vpon as nere as it maye or shall come to my knowledge, truly to present & certifie before you, the names surnames, and the best and vtermoste substance and values of every of them, as well of landes and tenementes, and other hereditamies possessions & profittes, recited in the said acte, as of goodes cattalles dettes and other thynges, chargeable by the saide acte, without any concelement fauour loue affection breaue feare or malice, so helpe me god and the contentes of this boke.

And every other person, that shall appere there perely by the saide preceptes, shall make lyke othe: And vpon the othe so taken, as is before said, by the inhabitauntes and officers of every hundred, warde, wapentake, towtne or other place, the said commissioners shall perely openly there reade or cause to be redde vnto them the said rates, & openly declare the effecte of their charge vnto them, in what maner & fourme they ought & shuld make theyr certificates, accordynge to the rates and summes therof aboue saide. And of all maner of persones, as well of aliens and straungers, denisons or not denisons, inhabited within this realme, as of suche persons as be bozne within the kynges obeyssaunce, chargeable to this acte. And of the possessions goodes and cattalles of fraternities gylde corporacions brotherheades misteries and other as is aboue said: And of persons being
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in the parties of beyonde the see, haupnge goodes oꝝ cattalles, landes oꝝ tenementes within this realme, as is befoꝛe said: And of all goodes being in custodie to the vse of any other, as is aboue saide. By the whiche information and shewing, the saide persons shall haue such playne knowledge of the true intent of this present acte, and of the maner of theyꝝ certificac that the same pꝛsons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after suche othes, and the statute of the said Subsidie, and the maner of the saide certificate to be made in wꝛitynge, conteynynge the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be boꝛne without the kynges obeyssaunce, and the best value of euery person in euery degre, as well of pꝛetely value of landes and tenementes and suche lyke possessions and pꝛofittes, as the value of goodes and cattalles, debtes, & euery thinge to theyꝝ saide certificat requisite and necessarie, to them declared, the saide commissioners there beinge, shall by theyꝝ discretions appoynt and limite vnto the saide persons, an other daye and place to appere afoꝛe the saide commissioners: And chargynge the saide persons, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirie, by all wayes and meanes, of the pꝛemisses: and then and there euery of them, vpon payne of forfaiture of. xx. s. to the kyng, to appere at the sayd newe pꝛefixed daye and place: there to certifie vnto the saide commissioners in wꝛitynge accoꝛdyng to theyꝝ saide charge, and accoꝛdyng to the true intent of the saide graunte of Subsidie, and as to them in maner afoꝛe saide hath then ben shewed and declared by the commissioners. At whiche daye and place, so to them pꝛefixed if any of the saide persons make default, oꝝ appere and refuse to make the saide certificat: that then euery of them so offendynge to forfaiture to the kyng. xl. s. Excepte onely a reasonable excuse foꝛ his default, by reason of sicknes oꝝ otherwyse, by the othes of two credible persons, there witnessed, be had. And of suche as appere, redie to make certificat, as is afoꝛe saide: the saide commissioners there being, shall take and receyue the same certificat, and euery parte therof: and the names values and substance of euery person so certified. And if the same commissioners se cause reasonable, they shall examine the saide pꝛesenters therof: And therupon the saide commissioners at the saide dayes and places, by theyꝝ agreement among them selves, shall pꝛetely durynge the said thye yerres, openly there pꝛefixe a day, at a certayne place oꝝ places, within the limittes of theyꝝ commissiō, by theyꝝ discretion, foꝛ theyꝝ further pꝛocedyng to the saide assessinge of the saide Subsidie: And therupon at the saide daye of the saide certificat, as is befoꝛe sayde, taken: the same commissioners shall make theyꝝ pꝛecepte oꝝ pꝛeceptes to the constables subconstables bayliffes oꝝ other officers, of suche hundꝛedes wapentakes townes oꝝ other places afoꝛe saide, as the same commissioners shall be of, compꝛysinge and conteynynge in the same pꝛecepte, the names and surnames of all persons pꝛesented befoꝛe them in the saide certificates: of whom if the saide commissioners, oꝝ as many of them as shall be thervnto appoynted by the kynges commission, shall then haue becomment

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ment suspect, to be of moze and greater value or substance, in landes tenementes goodes cattalles, or summes of money owynge to them, or other substance before said, then upon suche person or persons shalbe certifiede the same commissioners shall make their precept or preceptes directed to constables bailiffes or other officers, commaundynge the same constables bailiffes and other officers, to whom suche precepte shalbe directed, to warne suche persons, whose names shalbe compysed in the said precepte, at theyr mansion, or to theyr persons: that the same persons, named in suche preceptes, and every of them, shall personally appeere before the said commissioners, at the same newe prefixed day or place, there to be sworne and examined by all wayes and meanes, by the said commissioners, of theyr greatest substance and best value, and of all and every summes of money owen to them, and other what so ever matters concernynge the premises, or any of them, accordynge to this acte. At whiche daye and place so prefixed, the said commissioners then there beynge, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kynges commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe compysed in the said precepte, as it is before sayde, for theyr examination. And if any of those personnes, whiche shalbe be warned, as is before sayde to be examined, whiche at any tyme after the warnynge, and before the prefixed daye, shalbe within such place, where he maye have knowlege of his said appearance to be made, make default and appeere not, onles a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the said commissioners be alleged for his discharge: that then every of them, so makinge default, to be taxed and charged to the kyng with and at the double summes of the rate, that he shuld or ought to have ben set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substance upon him certified, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the commissioners there beynge. And in lyke maner, if any of them suspected, as is before said, appeere and refuse to be sworne, in tyme followinge, then every such offendour to be taxed and charged to the kyng, with and at the double summes of the rate, that he shuld or ought to have ben set at, for and after the best value of his substance upon hym certified, by the said persons that made the certificat, as is before said, by the discretions of the commissioners then then beynge. And every of the persons so then and there appeeryng, whose names shalbe expressed in the said precept or preceptes, & in whom any vehement suspect was or shalbe had, at tyme above said, shall travell with the same pson so suspected, by all such wayes and meanes they can. And further the same commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe herunto appoynted by the said commission, by theyr discretion shall openly shewe the same pson in this maner & tyme followinge.

I shall feithfully, truly, and playnly, accordynge to my knowledge, shewe unto you the kynges commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the best and greatest value or above, with all myne peryl profit in landes tenementes rentes, or such other like possessions, peryl profite or fers: and

the best and greatest value of al my goodes and cattalles, and summes of money to me shynge, accorpyng to the graunte of this acte of Subsidie: and truly answer to that I shalbe examined of, touchyng the premises, without couns or disceite, so helpe me god & the holy cōtentes of this boke.

¶ And if any person that shulde appere, be excused in fourteyn aforesayde, by witnes of credible persons: the same persons shalbe examined by theyr othes, of his or theyr greatest and best value and substance, so lackyng or excused: & by the best of that certificat or knowledge, or of the other first certificat upon hym or them made: The same person so lackyng and excused of his apparance, to be set & rated by the saide cōmissioners, or other wyse to be set and rated in this case, as shal seme best by the discretions of the saide cōmissioners. And if it happen to be proued by witnes, his owne cōfession, or other lafulfull wayes or meanes within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so rated and swoyne, was of any greater or better value, in landes goodes or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his said othe, then the same person so swoyne shal declare upon his said othe: That then such person so assenbyng, shall lose and forsaite to the hyngs fourteyn times so moch in laful money of England, as the same person so swoyne, was set or rated to paye.

¶ And that every spiritual person, duringe the saide thye yeres, shalbe rated and set, accorpyng to the rate aboue saide, of and for every pounde, that the same spiritual person, or any other to his vse, both by vicent bargayn or purchase, in fee simple, fee taylor, tyme of life, tyme of yeres, by executiō by warde, by copie of court rolle, or at wyll, in any manours landes tenementes rentes services offices fees annuities or hereditamentes, after the true iuste & pety value therof after and accorpyng, as other the hynges subiectes bozne within this reahme, be charged, in fourteyn aboue remembryd, so that it extende to the pety value of, xi. shillings or aboue.

¶ And if any maner of person certified or rated to any maner of value, doth fynde hym selfe greued with the same p̄sueiment, and do therupon complaine to the cōmissioners of the said court, or to as many of them as shalbe appointed by the same cōmission: that then the saide cōmissioners shall by all wayes & meanes examine particularly & distinctly the person so cōplaining, and other his neyghbours by theyr discretion of every his landes & tenementes aboue specified, and of every his goodes cattalles & debtes aboue mencioned. And after due examination and perfecte knowledge therof had and perceyved by the same cōmissioners, whiche shall haue power by auctoritie afoze saide: the saide cōmissioners shall traueyll with the same person or persons so cōplaining, by all such wayes and meanes they can. And further the same cōmissioners, or as many of them, as shall therunto be appoynted, by the sayd cōmission, by theyr discretiōs upon the othe of the said person so cōplaining, may abate defaulte, increase or enlarge the same assellment, accorpyng as it shal appere to them iuste upon the said examination: and the same summe so abated defaulted increased

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or enlarged by them, to be treated in founte as hereafter ensueth, so that he come before the estreates of the said assessing be delivered by the sayd commissioners, into the kinges Exchequer. And if it be proued by witnes, his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yere after any suche othe made, that the same person so taxed & sworn, was of any greater or better value, in landes goodes or other thinges aboue specified, at the tyme of his saide othe, then the same person so sworn byd declare vpon his said othe: That then euery such person so offending, shall lose & forfeit to the kinge foure tymes so much in lawfull monny of England, as the same person so sworn was set at, or taxed to paye. And all persons set rated and taxed, as is afoze said: shall be bounde & charged by the same. And the summe or summes vpon hym set, to be due towarde the payement of the Subsidie, and to be leued, as hereafter shall be specified.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the sayd auctorite, that euery person, perely durynge the said thye yeres, as is afoze said, be rated taxed and set: and the summe to hym set, to be leued at suche place, where he and his familie, at the tyme of the same presentment to be made, shall kepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shall be most couersant abiding or resident, or shall haue his most resorte, & shall be best knownen, at the tyme of the saide certificat to be made, and no where els. And if any person chargeable to this acte, at the tyme of the said assessing happen to be out of this realme, & out of Wales, or farre from the place, where he shall be knownen: then he to be set, where he was last abydynge in this realme or within Wales, & beste knownen, and after the substance value & other profittes of euery person, knownen by the examination certificat and other maner of wyse, as is afoze said: The said commissioners, or as many of them, as shall be appoynted by the kynges commission, shall after the rate afoze saide, set & taxe euery person, accordynge to the rate of substance and value of landes goodes and other profittes, wherby the greatest & most best summe, accordynge to his most substance, by reason of this acte, ought or may be set or taxed.

¶ Provided alwaies, that euery suche person, which shall be set or taxed for payement to this subsidie, for & after the perely value of his landes tenementes or other reall possessions or profittes, in any of the said thye yeres: shall not be set or taxed for his goodes & cattails, or other movable substance in the same yere. And he that shall be taxed or charged for the same subsidie, for his goodes cattails, or other movables, in any of the saide thye yeres, shall not be charged taxed or chargeable for his landes or other reall possessions or profittes aboue said, in the same yere. For that any person to be double charged for the said subsidie, neyther set or taxed at severall places by reason of this acte: any thing cōtyned in this present acte not withstanding.

¶ And that it be ordeyned by the sayde auctorite of this present parliament, that no person, haupnge two mansions, or two places to resorte vnto or callynge hym selfe householde seruaunt, or wartyngge seruaunt to the Kynges hyghnes, the Quene, the Prynce, or other lordes or lady, myghter

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or may stes be excused vpon his saienge from the rate of the saide Subsidie, in neyther of the places where he may be sette, onles he byynge a certificat in wyting from the commissioners, where that he is so sette in dede at one place. And if any happen to be sette in two places, vpon certificat therof made, the best and most summe vpon hym so taxed, to be taken and abide, and the other to be discharged: so that the same certificat of his assessing and payement, be made therof in wytinge, vnder the seales of the commissioners, or of as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the bynges commission, whiche certificat so made, shalbe at all tymes a sufficient discharge for hym, as well agaynste any collectour, that shall demaunde the same vpon hym rated or taxed, as agaynste the kynge and all other persons. And if any person that ought to be set, by reason of his removinge or resoytynge to two places, or by reason of his saienge, that he is els where taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge, by his dwellinge or abydynge in any place, not beyng so pyssed in this act, or any other wyse by his couyn or crafte, happen to escape from the perely assessinge and be not sette, and that proued by presentment and examination or infourmarion, befoze the saide commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynted, or by the barons of the bynges Exchequer, or two Iustices of the peace of that countrey where suche person dwelleth: Then euery suche person that by suche meanes or other wyse wylfully by couyn, shall happen to escape from the assessinge of the sayde Subsidie or any of them, and not be rated taxed & set, shalbe charged vpon the knowledge and profe therof, with & at the double value that he shulde or ought to haue ben set at befoze, accorpyng to his behauour. The same double value, to be leuied gathered and payde of his goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, towarde the saide Subsidie, and further to be punished accorpyng to the discretions of the barons Iustices or commissioners, befoze whome he shalbe conuicted for his offence and disceyte in that behalfe.

¶ AND that euery commissioner, assigned and deputed accorpyng to this acte, for the orderynge of this Subsidie, dwellinge within the precincte and limite of his commission, for his owne substance in landes and goodes aboue mentioned, shalbe valued and rated perely: durynge the sayde thye yeres, by the examination of the same commissioners of the said shyre or place, or by as many of them, as shalbe appoynted by the said commission, where the same commissioner so dwelleth or kepeth his house, and after suche value and rate of hym known, the same commissioner, so dwellinge within the limite of his commission, to be perely set and taxed by the other said commissioners: and as well the same vpon hym selfe taxed, as the summes made by the presenters sworne, as is afoze saide, shalbe wyitten and set in the extreates therof to be made, with other inhabitants of that parties, and so to be gathered and leuied, in lyke maner as it ought or shulde haue ben, if the said commissioner had not ben in the commission of the place, where he so dwelleth.

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AND that all persons of the estate of a baron or barons, & every estate
above, shalbe examined and charged of theyr scholde and values, as is a-
foze saide, befoze the Chauncellour tresourer of Englands and lord pyni
scale for the tyme beyng, or other persons, by the kynges auctorite to be
limited: And they to be charged perely, duringe the saide thye petes, after
the fourme of the saide graunte, accordyng to theyr examination afoze
saide. And the summes vpon them sette, with the names of the collectours
appoynted for the gatherynge and payenge of the same, be extreated deli-
uered & certified at dayes and places above specified, by the saide Chaun-
cellour tresourer & lord pyni scale for the tyme beyng, or furth other per-
sons as shalbe limited by the kynges bygunes. And after the taxes and
asseses of the sayde summes, vpon and by the saide examination and cer-
tificat, as is afoze saide made, the saide commissioners, or as many of them
as shalbe there vnto appoynted by the kynges commission: within thye
weekes next ensuyng the feast of saynt Michael, by the wytyng extrea-
ted of the saide tax therof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the
saide commissioners, or of as many of theym as shalbe appoynted at the
leaste to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabi-
tauntes, constables, subconstables bayliffes or other officers sopenly, of
hundredes townes parishes, and other places afoze saide, within theyr ly-
myttes, or to other sufficient persons, inhabitants of the same only by the
discretion of the same commissioners, & as the place & parties shall require,
as well the particular names and surnames, as the remembraunce of all
summes of money, taxes & set of and vpon every person, as well man as
woman chargeable to this acte, householder, & all other inhabitants &
dwellers with in the saide parishes townes and places contributoryes to
this Subsidie. By auctorite of whiche wytyng or estreat, so deliuered to
the saide officers, or other persons so named and deputed severally, shall
haue full power and auctorite immediately after the deliuerie of the sayde
wytyngs or estreate, to demaunde leuie and gather of every person therein
specified, the summe or summes in the same wytyng or estreate comprised.
And for non payement therof, to distreyn the same person or persons so be-
yng behynde, by theyr goodes and cattalles: And the distresse so taken, to
kepe by the space of eyght dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner
therof. And if the saide owner do not paye suche summe of money as shall
be taxed by this acte, within the same eyght dayes: then the saide distresse
to be appoynted by fourte, thye, or two of the inhabitants, wheree suche di-
stresse is taken, and to be sold by the saide constable or other collectour, for
the payement of the saide money. And the ouerplus commynge of the sale
and keepynge therof (if any be) to be immediately restored to the owner of the
same distresse: whiche saide officers & other persons, so deputed to aske take
gather & leuie the sayde summes, shall answer and be charged for theyr
portions onely to them assigned or lympettyd, to be gathered leuied and co-
pyied in the saide wytyng or estreat to them as is befoze said deliuered:

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unto the vse of our soueraigne lord the kynge, his heires & successours. And the saide summe in that wytyng of Estreate compysed, to paye vnto the highe collectour or collectours of that place, for the collection of the same in maner & fourme vnder wytten, ther vnto to be named and deputed. And the same inhabitauntes & officers, so gatherynge the same particuler summes, for the collection thereof, shall receaue for euery. xx. s. so by them receyued and payde. ii. s. that to be allowed at the payment of the collection by them to be made to the high collectour or collectours.

AND FURTHER be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this present parliament, that the saide commissioners, or the moze parte of them as shall take vpon them the execution and busines of the said commission, shall perely, duringe the saide thye yeres, name certayne sufficient and able persons seuerally by the discretions of the same commissioners, in wythes, rydinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes cities, towne corporate, and other what so euer places, as well within places prouided as without, not beinge forpysed in this acte, to be highe collectours, and haue the collection and resceipte of the sayde summes, set and leuiable within the pzeincte limittes and boundes, where they shall be so limited to gather and receyue. To euery of the whiche collectours, so seuerally named, the sayde commissioners, or two of them at the least, perely duringe the sayde thye yeres, within thye weekes next after the sayd hole summe of the said subsidie be set, by all the limittes of the same they commission, or in suche limittes, as the highe collectour shall be so seuerally assigned, shall vnder the sayd seales and signes manuell, deliuer one estreate in parchment, to euery of the same hygh collectours compysinge in it the names of all suche persons, as were assigned to leuie the sayd particuler summes, and the summes of euery hundred wapentake towne, or other place aforesaide, accorpyng to the estreate, so first thereof (as is befoze said) deliuered. And the collectour so to be assigned, shall be charged with, evenly concoydant and agremente vnto the hole summe compysed in the saide estreate, limited to his collection, as is befoze saide.

And euery suche collectour, so perely deputed haupnge the said estreate in parchment, as is afoze saide, shall haue auctoritie by this acte, perely duringe the saide thye yeres, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuitte of his collection, for the payment of the saide subsidie to hym to be made: and thereof to geue warnynge by proclamation or otherwyse, to all the said constables, or other persons or inhabitauntes, haupng the charge of the said particuler collection, within the hundredes parishes townes or other places, by hym or them limited, to make payment for their sayde particuler collection, of euery summe, as to them shall apperteyne. And if at the saide daye and place so limited and pzeified by the said collectours, the saide constables officers or other persons or inhabitauntes, as is befoze saide, for the said particuler collection, appoyned and assigned with in suche hundred citie towne or other place, do not paye vnto the saide collectours

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lectours the summe within theyr severall hundredes colones parishes and other places, due and compused in the saide estreates therof to them deliv-
ered by the saide commissioners, or some of them, as it is afoze said, or so
moch therof, as they haue or myght by any meane resceyue, the saide. ii. s.
of every pounce, for the said particular collectiō, as is befoze said, alwaies
to be therof allowed excepted and abated: that then it shall be lausfull to
the said high collectours, and every of them, and to theyr assignes, to di-
streyne every of the saide constables, officers, and other inhabitauntes,
for theyr said severall particular collection, of the said summes compused in
the said estreate and wrytinge therof, to them and every of them (as is be-
foze expessed) delivred: or for as moch of the same summe, as so then shal
happen to be gathered leised and behynde unpayde, by the goodes and
cattalles of every of them, so beinge behinde: and the distresse so taken, to
be kept apprysed and solde, as is afoze saide, and therof to take and leise
the summe, so then beinge behinde unpayde. And the overplus compuse
of the sale of the saide distresse (if any be) to be restored and delivred vnto
the owner, in fourme aboue remembred.

PROVIDED alwaie, that no personne, inhabited in any citie bo-
rough or towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be a cessour or collectour of
or for any parte of the said subsidie, in any place or places out of the saide
citie borough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the saide auctorite enacted, that if any inhabitaunt or
officer, or what so ever person or persons, charged to or for the collection
or resceipte of any parte or portion of the said subsidie, in any of the sayde
thre peres, by any maner of meane, accordeyng to this acte: or any person
or persons for them selves, or as heper gardian deputie factour or attour-
ney, of and for any other person or persons, of any goodes and cattalles,
and the owner therof, at the tyme of the saide assessinge to be made, being
out of this realme, or in any other parties not knownen, or of and for the
goodes and cattalles of any other person or personnes, of any fraternitie,
gylde, misterie, or other what so ever cominaltie, being incorporate or not
incorporate: And all persons haupnge in theyr rule gouvernaunce or cu-
stodie, any goodes or cattalles, at the tyme of the saide assessinge, or any of
them to be made, or whiche for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym
selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule gouvernaunce or cu-
stodie of any goodes or cattals of any other person or persons, fraternitie
gylde or misterie, or any suche other lyke: or as factour deputie or at-
tourney, of or for any person, shalbe taxed valued rated or set to any summe
or summes by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessing, upon
any suche person or persons, as shall be charged with the resceipte of the
same, happen to die, or departe from the place, where he was so taxed and
set, or his goodes and cattalles be so elopned, or in suche priue and co-
uerte maner hepte, that the said person or persons, charged with the same
by extreates, or other wrytyng from the sayde commissioners, or as many of
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them as shalbe therunto appoynted, by the saide commission as is aforesaid
sayde, can ne may leuie the same summe or summes, compysed within theyr
said extences by distresse, within the limittes of theyr collection, as is be-
foze sayd: or can not sell suche distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of
the sayde percel paymentes befoze the tyme limited, the hygh collectours
for his payment to be made in the kinges rescripte: Then vpon relation
therof made, with due examination, by the othe or examination, of suche
person or persons, as shalbe charged with and for the rescripte & collection
of the same befoze the commissioners, or as many of them, as by the said co-
mission shalbe therunto appoynted, where such person or persons, or othes
as is afoze saide, their goodes or cattalles were set or rated. And vpon
playne certifficat therof, made into the kynges Eschequer by the same co-
missioners, as well of the dwellynge place names, and sumes of the sayde
persons, of whom the said summe can not be leuied & had, as is befoze saide:
then aswell the said costables & other inhabitantes appoynted for the par-
ticular collectiō, against the hygh collectours, as the high collectour vpo
his accompte in the said eschequer to be discharged therof: And pces to
be made for the kyng out of the same Eschequer, by the discretion of the
barons of the same eschequer, agaynst suche person his heires or execu-
tours, so beyng behinde with his payment. And ouer that the same com-
missioners, to whome any suche declaration of the pmisses shalbe made
in fourme afoze saide, from tyme to tyme, shall haue full power and aucto-
rite, duringe the said thre yeres, to directe theyr pcepte or pceptes un-
to the saide person or persons, charged with any summe, of for and vpon
any suche person or persons, or other, as is aboue saide: or to any Shireffe
Steward bailiffe or other what so euer officer minister person or persons,
of suche place or places, where any suche person or personnes, so owynge
suche summe or summes, shall haue landes and tenementes or other he-
reditamentes, or reall possessions, goodes or cattalles, whereby any suche
personne or personnes, so indebted, his heires executors or assignes, or
other hauninge the custodie gouernaunce or disposition of any goodes cat-
talles landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whiche ought or may
by this acte lawfully be distrayned or taken from the same, haue or shall
haue goodes cattalles landes tenementes or other possessions, wherof
suche summe or summes, whiche by any suche person or persons, maye or
oughte to be leuied, be it within the limite of suche commission, where
suche person or persons was or were rated, or without in any place within
this realme of Englande or Wales. By whiche pcepte as well suche
person or persons, as shalbe charged to leuie suche money, as the officers
of the place or places, where suche distresse maye be taken, shall haue full
power and auctorite to distrayne every suche person indebted charged or
chargeable by this acte, or his executors or administrators of his goo-
des or cattalles, his gardians, factours, deputies, lessees, fermours,
and assignes, and all other personnes, by whose handes, or out of whose
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landes any such person shulde haue rente fee annuite or any other p[ro]fite,
or which at the tyme of the said assessinge, shall haue goodes or cattalles,
or any other thyng mouable, of any such persone or persons being indebted,
or owynge such summe. And the distresse so taken, cause to be kepte ap
p[re]ssed and solde, in lyke maner and fourme, as is afoze saide for the di
stresse to be taken vpon persons to be taxed to the saide subsidie, & bringe
sufficient to distreigne, within the limittes of the collectours inhabitantes
or other officers, charged wth or for the same sūmes, so v[er]y them to be taxed.
And if any such distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the
limitte of the persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons
so charged for the leuie of euery such summe by distresse, shall perceyue &
take of the same distresse for the labour of euery person goinge for the exe
cution thereof: for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for the same
ii. s. And euery fermour tenaunt gardian factour or other what so euery
person, beyng distreigned or otherwysse charged for payment of any such
summe or sūmes, or any other sūme by reason of this acte: shalbe of suche
sūme or sūmes, of hym or them so leuied and taken, discharged and ac
quited at his nexte daie of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of suche
goodes and cattalles, as he that is so distreigned had in his custodie or go
uernaunce, agaynst hym or them that shalbe so taxed and set: any graunce
or wrytinge obligatorie, or other what so euery matter, to the contrarie made
here tofoze not withstandyng. And if any suche person, that shulde be so
distreigned haue no landes nor tenementes sufficient, wherby he or his te
nauntes and fermours maye be distreigned: or haue elopned, aliened or
hydden his goodes and cattalles, wherby he shuld or myght be distreigned,
in suche maner, that such goodes & cattalles shall not be knowen or found:
so that the sūme of or by hym to be payde in the saide fourme, shall ne can
be conueniently leuied: Then vpon relation therof vnto the cōmissioners,
or to as many of them as by the saide cōmission, shalbe therunto appoynt
ed, where such person or persons was taxed and set, by the othes of hym
or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or
sūmes: the same cōmissioners shall make a p[re]cepte in suche maner as is
afozesaid, for to attache take and arrest the body of such person or persons,
that ought to paye the sayd sūmes, and by this acte shalbe charged with &
for the same summe or sūmes, and them so taken shal be kepte in the
p[ri]son within the shyre, or other places, where any suche person or persons
shalbe taken or attached: there to remayne without daile or magnyfyce, vnto
he haue payed the summe or sūmes, that suche persons for hym selfe, or
for any other by this acte shalbe chargeable, or ought to be charged with
all. And also for the fees of euery such arrest, to hym or them that shal exe
cute such p[re]cepte. xx. s. And that euery officer vnto whom such p[re]cepte shal
be directed, do his trewe diligence to execute the same v[er]y euery person so
bringe indebted, vpon payne to forseyte to our sayd soueraygne lord the
king, for euery default in that behalfe. xx. s. And that no heper of any gailles
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from his gaile suffer any such person to go at large, by lettynge to baile or otherwise to departe out of his prison, befoze he haue payd his sayde debte, & the said. xx. s. for the saide arrest, vpon payne to forfait to our soueraigne lord. xl. s. And the same gaillour to paye vnto our saide soueraigne lord the double summe, as well of the rate, which the said person so imprisoned, was taxed at, as of the said. xx. s. for the fees. And like processe and remedy in lyke fourme shalbe graunted by the commissioners, or as many of theyn as by the sayde commission shalbe therunto appoynted, at lyke information of euery person or persons, beynge charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons, by reason of the said subsidy, euery of the said thye petes, and not therof payde, but wilfully withdwynen, ne the same leuiable within the limytte, where suche person was therunto taxed.

And if the summe or summes, being behynde vnpayde by any person or persons, as is befoze said, be leued and gathered by force of the saide processe, to be made by the same commissioners, or if in defaulte or for lacke of payment therof, the person or persons so owynge the sayde summe or summes of money, by processe of the same commissioners, to be made as is afoze saide, be comitted to prison in fourme aboue sayd: That then the same commissioners, whiche shall awarde suche processe, shall make certificat therof, in the said Eschequer, of that shall be done in the premises, in the terme nexte folowing, after such summe or summes of money, so beynge behynde, shalbe leued & gathered, or suche person or persons, for non payment of the same, committed to prison.

AND IF it happen any of the saide collectours, so to be assigned, or any Maye shpyesse steward constable, the hedboroughes householder, bayliffe, or any other officer or minister or other what so euer person or persons, to disobey the saide commissioners, or any of them, in the reasonable request to theyn made by the saide commissioners, for perely execution of the said commission, durynge the saide thye petes: or if any of the officers or other persons, do refuse that to them shall appertayne or belonge to do, by reason of any precepte to hym or them to be directed, or any resonable comaundement instaunce or request touchinge the premises, or other defaulte in any apparaunce, or collection to make, or if any person beinge suspectte, or not to be indifferently taxed, as is afoze saide, do refuse to be examined, accorpyng to this acte, befoze the saide commissioners, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto assigned, as is afoze saide, or will not appeere befoze the same commissioners, vpon warninge to hym made, or els make resistance or rescous vpon any distresse, vpon hym to be taken, for any parcell of the said subsidy, or committe any misbehauour in any maner of wyse contrarie to this acte, or committe any wilfull omission, or other what so euer wilfull non doyng, or misdoynge, contrarie to the tenour of this acte or graunt: The same commissioners and euery numbze of them aboue remembred, vnto two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any suche misdemeanours had by information or examination, shall

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or do set vppon euery suche offendour, for euery suche offence, in name of fyne, by the same offendour to be forsayd. xx. s. or under, by the discretion of the same commissioners.

AND FURTHER the said commissioners, & euery nombre of them, vnto two of them at the least, haue auctorite by this present parliament, to punishe euery suche offendour by imprisonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by theyr discretion, as shall seme to them convenient: The sayde fines (if any suche be) to be certified by the said commissioners, that so assessed the same, in to the said hinges Eschequer, there to be leued and payde, by the collectours of that parties for the said Subsidie, returned into the sayde Eschequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, in suche maner, as if the sayd fines had ben set and taxed vpon the said offendours for the said Subsidie.

It is also enacted by the said auctorite of this present parliament, that euery of the sayde hygh collectours, whiche shall accompte for any parte of the said Subsidie in the hinges Eschequer, vpon theyr seuerall said accomptes to be yelden, shalbe allowed percell, during the said tyme pces, for euery pounce limited to his collection, wherof any suche collectour shalbe charged, and yelde accompte. vi. s. as parcell of theyr sayd charges: That is to saye, ii. s. of euery pounce therof for such persons as then haue had the particular collection in the townes and other places, as is afore sayde, specified in his collection: And other ii. s. of euery pounce therof, euery of the same chiefe collectours, there accomptaunt, to reserue to theyr owne vse, for theyr labour and charge in and about the premises: And ii. s. of euery pounce residue, to be deliuered allowed & payd by the sayd collectours, so beyng therof allowed, to suche of the commissioners as shall take vpon them the busines and labour, for & about the premises: That is to saye, euery collectour to paye that commissioner or commissioners, whiche had the orderpnce and the writings for the said Subsidie, where the sayde collectour or collectours had theyr collection, for expences of the said commissioners, so takinge vpon them the said busines & labour, of theyr clerkes wytyng the sayde preceptes and estreats for the sayde collections, the same laste, ii. s. of euery pounce, to be deuised amongst the said commissioners, hatyng regard to the labour and busines, take by them & theyr sayde clerkes, in and about the premises. For whiche parte so to the sayde commissioners acceptpnce, the sayde commissioners, sure, fyne, four, thre, or as many of them, as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kynges commission & euery of them jointly & seuerally, for his or theyr sayde parte, maye haue his remedy agaynst the sayde collectour or collectours, whiche therof he or might haue ben allowed, by action of dette, in whiche the defendaunce shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection or essoyne shalbe allowed.

AND that no person now beinge of the nombre of the company of this present parliament, nor any commissioners, shalbe named or assigned to be any

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be any collectour subcollectour or presentour of the said subsidy, or of any parte thereof: And no commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificat, other then in the kynges Eschequer, of for or concernyng the saide subsidy, or any parte thereof, in any of the sayde thye yerres. And lykewise that none other person, that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioner in any place, to and for the execution of this acte of subsidy, in any of the sayd thye yerres, be or shalbe assigned or named head collectour, in any of the same thye yerres, of the said subsidy, neyther of any parte thereof. And that every suche person or persons, whiche shalbe named or appointed, as is aforesaid, to be head collectors, in and for one of the saide thye yerres, shall not be compelled to be collectour for any other of the saide thye yerres.

AND the said collectors, whiche shalbe assigned for the collection of the saide subsidy, or for any parte thereof, and every of them, be and shalbe acquitted and discharged of all maner fees rewardes and of every other charge in the kynges Eschequer or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection payment or accomptes, or any thyng concerning the same to be asked.

AND after the tasing and assessing of the said petty subsidy, as is before said had and made, and the said estreats thereof in perchement unto the collectors, in maner and forme before ordered, delivered, the saide commissioners, whiche shall take upon them the execution of this act, within the limites of theyr commission, by theyr agreement shal have meetings together: at whiche meetings every of the saide commissioners, whiche then shall have taken upon them the execution of any parte of the saide commission shall by hym selfe, or his sufficient deputie, truly certifie & bringe for the unto the other commissioners, named in the same commission, the certificat and presentment made before hym, and such other commissioners as were limited with him in one limite: so that the same certificates may be accompted and cast with other certificates, of the other limites within the same commission: And then the sayde commissioners, and every nombre of them, unto two at the least, as is aforesaid, if they be in life, or theyr executors, or administrators of theyr goodes, if they be then dead, shall openly and fructally, as they were bounden within theyr limites, under theyr seales, petty duringe the saide thye yerres, by theyr discretion, make one or severall writings indented, conceyninge in it as well the names of the said collectors, by the commissioners, for each collection and accompt in the Eschequer, and payment in the said receipts, debated and assigned, as the grosse and severall summes, written unto every suche collector to receyve the saide subsidy. And also all fines amercementes and other forfeitures, if any suche (by reason of this acte) happen to be within the pzeincte and limite of theyr commission, to be certified into the kynges Eschequer by the said commissioners petty duringe the said thye yerres, by the said, xvi. daye of November. In which writinge or writings indented
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so to be certified, shalbe plainly declared and expessed, as well the holl and entier summe and summes of the saide subsidie, severally limited to the collection of the saide collectours, as the names of the said collectours severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the saide summes: so that none of the said collectours, so certified in the saide Eschequer, shalbe compelled there to accompte, or to be charged: but onely to and for the summe limited to his collection: and not to or for any summe limited to the collection of his felowes, but that every of them shalbe severally charged for theyr partes limited to theyr collection. And if the sayde commissioners, toyned in one commission amonge them selves, in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificat with other of the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners may make severall indentures in fourme aforesaid, of theyr severall limites or separations of collectours, within the limites of theyr commission, upon and in the hundredes wardes wapentakes lathes rapes or such like divisions within theyr sayde severall limites of theyr saide commission, as the places there shall require to be severed & divided, & as to the same commissioners shall seme to make divisions of theyr limites or collections, for the severall charges of the collectours: so that alwaie one collectour shalbe charged, and accompte for his parte to him to be limited onely by him selfe, and not for any summe limited to the parte of any of his felowes: And the charge of every of the same collectours to be set and certified severally upon them. And every suche collectour, upon his accompte, and payment of the summes of money limited within his collection, to be severally by him selfe acquitted and discharged in the saide Eschequer without payenge any maner of fees or rewardes, to any person or persons for the same: and not to be charged for any portion of any other collectours.

¶ AND if any commissioner, after he hath taken certyspeac of them that (as is aforesaid) shall befoze any suche commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the booke and writings thereof being in his handes: or if any collectour, or other person charged with any receipte of any parte of any of the saide subsidie, or any other person taxed, or other wyle by this acte charged with and for any parcels of the saide subsidie, or with any other summes for fine amercement penaltie, or other forfeiture, happen to dye befoze suche commissioner collectour or other what so ever person or persons, have executed accomplished satisfied, or sufficiently discharged it, which to every suche person shall apperteyne or belonge to do: according to this acte: Then the sayde executours and heires of every such person: and all other, seised of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beinge charged by this acte & decessinge befoze he be discharged thereof, or any other to his use onely had of estate of inheritance, at the tyme that any suche person was named commissioner collectour, or in any otherwise charged, with and for any maner of thinge, to be done satisfied or payde by reason of this acte. And all those that have in theyr possessions

of handes, any goodes or cattalles, that were to any suche personne at the tyme of his death landes or tenementes, that were the same persons at the tyme that he was (as is afore said) charged by this acte: shalbe by the same compelled and charged, to do and accomplishe in every case, as the same person, so beinge charged, shulde have done, & myght have ben compelled to do, if he had ben in playne lyfe, after suche rate of the landes & goodes of the said comissioner or collectour, as the partie shall have in his handes.

AND if the same commissioners, for causes reasonable them mowng, shall thinke it not convenient, to ioyne in one certificat, as is befoze said: then the said person or persons, that shall firste ioyne together, or he that shall firste certifie the saide wrytynge indented, as is afore sayd, shall certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, wherupon suche wrytynge shalbe there then to be certified, with deuisions of the hundredes wapentakes wardes tithinges or other place, to and amonge suche commissioners of the same comission, with the names of the same commissioners, where suche separatiōs or deuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of and for the saide subsidie, taxed or sette, of or within the said hundredes wardes wapentakes, or other places to hym or them deuided or assigned, that shall so certifie the saide firste wrytynge, as of fines amercciamentes penalties & other forsaitures, if any happen to be within the same limites, wherof the same wrytinges shalbe so certified. And after suche one wrytynge indented, whiche (as is afore said) shalbe certified, and not cōteyne in it the hole and full summes, set and taxed within the limites of the same commission, The other commissioners of the same, every of the sayde thre yerres, at the saide. xvi. daie of November yerely, or within .iiii. dayes then next immediatly folowynge, shall certifie into the saide Eschequer by thei wryting or wrytinges indented, to be made, as is befoze said, the grosse & severall summes set & taxed within the places to them limited for the saide subsidie & other fines amercciamentes penalties & forsaitures, with the names of the hundredes wardes wapentakes and other places to them assigned. Or els by thei saide wrytynge indented to certifie at the said place: by the saide. xvi. daie of November, or within .iiii. dayes nexte folowynge: reasonable causes for thei excuses, why they may not make suche certificat, of and for the said subsidie, with fines amercciamentes penalties and other forsaitures growynge or set by reason of the causes of thei lettes, or of thei non certifieng, as is aboue sayde, or els in default therof, proces to be made out of the kynges Eschequer agaynst the saide commissioners, and every of them, not makynge certificat, as is afore saide, by the discretion of the treasourer and bacons of the saide Eschequer.

AND be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, by the assent of the lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that as well all suche persons as shall have any collection or rescepte of the said subsidie, or any part therof, at the Resceiptes of the kyng our soueraigne lord, of his eschequer or els wher in

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where in any other place or places within this realme of England & Wales as all other the kynges subiectes, shall at all & every tyme here after from henceforth, and from the feast of the purification of our lady next ensynge, by the space of one hole yere next folowynge, take and not refuse in any payment, any ducates, crownes, crusadowes or any other golde coyned in the parties beyonde the sea, bearynge theyr true waight, accordyng to suche value as was limited by the last proclamation therof made the xxviii. day of Marche, in the. xxi. yere of the rayne of our saide soueraigne lord the kyng. And if any person hereafter, that shall have the resceipte or any collection of the sayd subsidie, or of any parte therof, to the use of our saide soueraigne lord the kyng, at the resceipte of his Eschequer or els where in any shyre tydyng cite towne or other place, do refuse or denie to take in payment of the saide subsidie, or any parte or parcell therof, gold, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, if any refusell of any such golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, be had in the saide resceipte, or els where, contrarye to the proclamacions therof made as is afoze saide, and that proved by wytnesse information examination or otherwysse, befoze the kinges iustices of either bench, or befoze the barons of his Eschequer or any of them: or if any suche refusell of any such gold, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them be had by any collectour or other person, hauynge the gatherynge of the saide subsidie, or of any parte therof in any shyre tydyng cite towne or other place, and that the refusell (as is afoze saide) be proved by wytnesse information examination or otherwysse, befoze any iustices of peace, maye, bayliffe or other head officer of that shyre tydyng cite towne or other place, where such refusell is had: Then the person or persons, that so offered and tenderd the sayde golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, that shalbe so refused in dede, shalbe of that summe so tendered and refused, quitted & discharged by this act, agaynst our soueraigne lord the kyng. And the other person or persons, that refused the same, in like wise as if he had payd the same gold grotes halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, without any byll tale or other discharge therof to be had or shewed. And the sayd resceyvaour collectour or other person, that shall refuse the saide golde grotes halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, shalbe charged with the summes so by hym refused, to and agaynst our saide soueraigne lord, in like sortme as if he had resceyved the same summe in dede.

¶ And that all and every other person & persons, shall resceyve & take the saide golde, grotes, halfe grotes & pennies, or any of them, after the rates and value therof, & as the saide golde, grotes, halfe grotes & pennies, or any of them, be coyned for and nowe currant as well oth by the officers of our saide soueraigne lord, as of every other person or persons, in all resceiptes and paymentes from henceforth to be made or had, upon payne of imprisonment of every person refusynge suche golde, grotes, halfe grotes, or pennies, or any of them, or otherwysse to be punished by the discretion of

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ry shyre citie borowhe or towne within this realme.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by auctoritie afoze saide
that the inhabitantes of the parryshe of saynte Martyn called Staun-
fojde Baron, in the suburbs of the borowhe & towne of Staunfojde on
the southe parte of the water there called wellande, which hereafter shalbe
contributores to the payment of this present subsidie graunted to the kyn-
ges highnes his heires or successours, shalbe assessed rated and taxed for
this tyme, by suche commissioners: whiche shalbe appoynted for the ra-
tinge and lisinge of suche subsidie or tax within the countie of Lincolne:
and shalbe for this tyme contributores, & pay the said subsidie, to the col-
lectour or collectours whiche shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuy-
enge and gatheringe of the same, with the aldermen & burgesles of the said
borowgh and towne of Staunfojde.

PROVIDED alwayes & be it enacted by the auctorite afozesaide,
that euery person and persons, hauinge any manours landes tenementes
or other hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the subsidie, gra-
nted to the kynges maiestie by this acte, and also hauinge spirituall pos-
sessions chargeable to his saide maiestie by the graunt made by the clergy
of this realme in theyr conuocation, and ouer this hauinge substance in
goodes and cattals, chargeable by this saide acte: that then if any of the
sayde person or persons be hereafter charged assessed and taxed for the said
manours landes and tenementes & spirituall possessions, and also assessed
charged and taxed for his or theyr goodes & cattals: that then he or they
shalbe onely charged by the vertue of this acte, for his or theyr sayde ma-
nours landes tenementes hereditamentes or spirituall possessions, or onely
for his saide goodes & cattals. The beste of all to be taken for the kyng,
and not to be charged for bothe, or double charged for any of them. Any
thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary herof not withstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that this graunt of Subsidie, nor any other
thinge therein conteyned, do in any wise extende to charge the inhabitantes
or dwellers within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guines and the marches
of the same, Iernesey & Gernesey, or any of them, of for or concerning any
manours landes tenementes or other possessions, goodes cattals or other
mouable substance, which the said inhabitantes or dwellers, or any other
to theyr vse, haue within Irelande, Calice, Hammes, Guines, or other
marches of the same, Iernesey, Gernesey, or in any of them: Or of for or
concernynge any sces or wages, whiche any of the sayd inhabitantes or
dwellers haue of our soueraigne loyde the kyng, for theyr attendaunce
and doynge seruyce to our saide souerayn loyde in Irelande Calice Ham-
mes, Guines and the marches of the same, Iernesey and Gernesey, or in
any of them: Any thinge in this present acte to the contrary notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED also, that the saide graunt of subsidie, in fourme afoze saide
to be rated and leuied, nor the saide subsidie, nor any parte therof, in any
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maner of wyse extende oꝛ be pꝛejudiciall oꝛ hurtfull to the inhabitants oꝛ
 resiauntes at this pꝛesent tyme within the syue portes corporate oꝛ buiſed
 to the same syue portes, oꝛ to any of the same syue portes, of oꝛ foꝛ any part
 oꝛ parcell of the laide summes, graunted in this pꝛesent parliament, of the
 laide inhabitants nowe resiauntes, oꝛ any of them, to be taxed set asked
 leuied oꝛ payde, but that the laide inhabitants, and nowe resiauntes of the
 laide syue portes & theyꝝ membꝛes, and euery of them, be & shalbe of and from
 the laide graunt & payment of the laide subsidie, and of & fro euery parte and
 pꝛell of the same, acquitted & discharged: Any matter, oꝛ what so euer other
 thyng in this pꝛesent acte made oꝛ had, to the contrary not withstandinge.
 ¶ It is ordeined also that this pꝛesent acte of subsidie, ne any other thing ther-
 in cōpyled, extende to any of the englyshe inhabitants oꝛ resiauntes, in
 any of the counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande
 the towne of Berwyke, the towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the bish-
 shoppe of Duresham, noꝛ to any of them, of foꝛ oꝛ concernynge any ma-
 noures landes tenementes oꝛ other possessions, goodes cattalles oꝛ other
 mouable substance, whiche the same inhabitants oꝛ dwellers, oꝛ any o-
 ther to theyꝝ vse, haue within the same counties of Northumberland, Cum-
 berland, Westmerland, oꝛ the towne of Berwyke, the towne of Newcastle
 vpon Tyne, oꝛ the bishoppe of Duresham, oꝛ any of them, oꝛ of foꝛ oꝛ con-
 cernynge any fees oꝛ wages, which any of the same inhabitants, oꝛ dwel-
 lers haue of our soueraigne lord the king, foꝛ their attendaunces and doing
 seruice to our laide soueraigne lord the king in the laide counties of North-
 umberland, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, the towne of Berwyke, the
 towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the bishoppe of Duresham, oꝛ in any
 of them, of to oꝛ foꝛ the laide taxing leuynge gathering oꝛ payment: but that
 the englyshe inhabitants, and resiauntes, and euery of them, of the laide
 counties bishoppe and townes, and of euery of them, shalbe of and
 from the laide subsidie, & of euery parcell therof, of and foꝛ theyꝝ manoures
 landes tenementes fees and wages goodes and cattalles lyenge & beynge
 in the same counties townes and bishoppe, oꝛ any of them utterly acquit-
 ted and discharged. Any thyng in this pꝛesent acte befoꝛe reherſed, to the
 contrary not withstandinge.

¶ It is ordeined that all letters patentes, graunted by the kynges highnes,
 oꝛ any of his most noble pꝛogentours, to any cities boroughes oꝛ townes
 within this realme, of any maner of liberties pꝛiuileges oꝛ exemptions,
 from the burdyne & charge of any such grauntes of subsidies, whiche be
 at this pꝛesent tyme in foꝛce and payable: shall remayne good and effec-
 tuall to the laide cities boroughes and townes hereafter, accordynge to
 the purpoxes therof, though the inhabitants of the same, shall vpon the
 great & weyghy cōsideratiōs, of the kynges maties great & inestimable
 charges befoꝛe expꝛessed, be foꝛ this graunt charged and contributorye, in
 lyke maner and soꝛte as all other cities boroughes & townes, which be not
 in any wyse so pꝛiuileged, oꝛ from such grauntes of subsidies excepted.

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**An acte for the Subsidie graunted
of the Clergye.**



WHERE THE prelates and clergy of the prouince of Caunterburpe haue loupngly and lyberally, for certayne considerations, giuen and graunted to the kynges maiestie, a subsidie of sixe shyllinges of the pounde, to be taken and leuied of all and singuler the spirituall promotions within the same prouince, during the terme of threer petes nowe next ensuyng, in suche certeyn maner and fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions, specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them therof made and deliuered to the kynges highnes vnder the seale of Tharchebysshoppe of Canturburie, as in the same instrument, exhibited in this present parliament moze playnly dothe appere. The tenour wherof ensleweth in these wordes.

THE prelates and clergy of the prouince of Canturburie, callinge to remembraunce, not onely the greates costes and charges, that the kynges highnes hath ben at of late, in the mayntayning of great army in Scotlande, for the defence and publique wealth of this realme, but also the great & brent occasions, whiche his maiestie hath at this pient, to be at the lyke costes & charges or rather moche moze, not onely in warrs to be had agaynst Scotlande, but also in diuers and many other affaires for the publique wealth of this realme, and all his loupng subiectes of the same: haue of theyr owne mere loupng tendze mynde & good wyll, giuen and graunted, and by these presentes, do giue and graunte vnto the kynges maiestie, a subsidie towarde his saide charges in maner and fourme folowing: That is to saye, that euery Archbisshop, bisshop, deane, archdeacon, prebendarie, prouost, mayster of colledges, mayster of hospitals, person, vicare, chauntrie preest, and euery other person and persons, of what so euer name or degrethe or they be, enioying any spirituall promotion, or other tempoall possessions to the same spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuyded or separate by acte of parliament or otherwyle, from the possession of the clergy, shall pay to the kynges highnes for euery pounde that he maye petyly spende by reason of the saide spirituall promotion, the summe of six shyllinges sterlinge. And for the true and certeyn knowledge of the petyly values of the said promotions and euery of them, wherof the payment shulde be made, the rate taxation valuation and estimation remaynyng of recoorde in the kynges courte of the fyfte frutes and tenth, for the payment of perpetuall dysme concernyng all such promotions, as yet be in possession of the clergy, or any other not yet deuided by acte of parliament, or otherwise, as aforesaide, shalbe folowed and obserued without makynge any valuacio rate taxatio or estimation, other then in the saide recoorde is comprehended.

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¶ Provided alwaies, that for asmuch as the tenth parte of the said valuation and taxe befoze mencioned, is yerely payde to the kynges highnes for the perpetuall dysme, so as there remaineth onely nyne partes to thynck-bent clere. This subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounde shalbe vnderstande of the sayd nyne partes and no moze. Provided alwaies, that no person, that is already promoted vnto any spirituall benefice, sithen Christmas daye last paste, befoze the date herof, or that shalbe here after promoted vnto any spirituall benefice on this syde Christmas daye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our loyde God. M. CCCC. xlv. shalbe contributour or charged with any parte of this subsidie, duringe the tyme yere of his sayde promotion.

The saide prelates and clergie also graunte, that this subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounde, of the yerely cleare value of euery promotion taxed as afoze, shalbe payde to the kynges maiestie within the yeres nexte ensuyng the date herof, at the receipte of his graces Tresourer of his court of tenth and firste frutes, or of any other person or persons, whome it shall please the kynges highnes to appoynte therunto, that is to saye. ii. s. of euery pounde, in euery of the said the yeres, at such dayes and tyme of the yere, as the perpetuall dysme is now, by tenour of thacte of parliament ordred to be contented and payde.

The sayde prelates and clergie also graunte, that euery prest, haupnge a pencion by reason of the dissolutio of any of the late monasteries colleges or hospitalles, or any other incorpuration within the saide prouince of Canturburie, shall lykewyse paye to the kynges hyghnes. vi. s. of euery pounde, of theyr sayde pencions, within the saide the yeres, at suche daye and tyme, as is befoze specified. And that for the sure paymente therof, a deduction and retention of the saide. vi. s. be made in the handes of the payers of the saide pencion, after the propozition of. ii. s. of the pounde, eche of the saide the yeres, to be deliuered and payde to the kynges vse, at suche tyme, and to suche persons, as the subsidie of. vi. s. afoze said shalbe payd vnto. The saide prelates and clergie also graunte, that euery prest, receyvinge annuall stipende, beinge no perpetuall, within the saide prouince, shall paye vnto the kynges graces vse. vi. s. bill. d. in euery of the sayde the yeres, at the same dayes, and vnder the same penalties, as the reste of the clergie do paye for theyr promotions. The saide prelates and clergie further graunte, that euery Archbyschop and byshoppe, and the see beinge vacant, euery deane & chapitre of that see voyd, shalbe collectours of this subsidie within theyr pper diocesse. And for the better recouerie of the said collection, the saide prelates and clergie humbly beseechen, that they maye haue full power and auctoritie by the kynges maiestie and the parliament, to vse all such wayes meanes and proceffe, as be prescribed in thacte of the perpetuall dysme, for the collection and leuie of the same, and shall accompte therof befoze the chauncellour or tresourer and other officers of the same court of firste frutes and tenth, or in such other place, as it shall please the kynges hyghnes to appoynt, in suche wise, & after suche fourme

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onely, as the said archebysshop and byshops be now charged for the collection of the perpetuall disme, wherby is ment, how the lacke and default of payment of and for any particular promotion, shall onely charge thincumbent, and suche as be bounde to paye the same. And that vpon suche paynes as be poulded in that acte of perpetuall disme agaynst them that make default in that behauise. And that the archebysshop byshop or deane and chapters gatheringe that they can receyue, and makynge paymence therof, shall for the reste not by them receyued, be discharged: by they certifficat made in suche fourme and facion as in thacte of perpetuall dysme is limited and prescribed, and. vi. d. of every pounce, wherwith the collectours shall be charged in his accompte, clearely to be payde into the said receypte, or in suche other place as it shall please the kynges hyghnes to appoynte, shall be allowed to the same collectour for his said accompte of the same, for the charges of collection postage saute conueyenge and payinge of the sayde subsidie.

Prouyded alwayes, that this subsidie granted by the clergie, shall not be demanded or leuied out of any benefice or colledge, situate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde or Cambridge, or of any benefice or other reuenues vnto any colledge of Oxforde or Cambridge vntied or appoynted, or of the colledge of Eton nyghe Wyndesore, or of the colledge of Wyndesore, founded by Wyllm Wykeham, sometyne byshop of Wyndesore, or of any other church or benefice, or other reuenues to the saide colledges, or to any of them annexed appoynted or otherwise apperteyninge.

Prouyded alwayes, that no spirituall promotion, or any landes or reuenues annexed to the same, beyng charged by this graunt or act of the prouince of Canturburie, shall be charged or made contributorye to any systrene or other subsidie already graunted to the kynges hyghnes of the laye fee, or hereafter to be graunted, durynge the tyme of the sayde thre yeres.

Also the saide prelates and clergie of the saide prouince of Canturburie, do condiscende and agree, that the archebysshop of Canturburie, shall inquire the true value of the petely reuenues of the newe erected byshoppes, within the saide prouince of Canturburie, and the same shall certifie before Christmas daye nexte comynge, vnto the court of the first frutes and tenth: there to remayne recorde. And lyke wyse every archebysshop or byshop shall inquire of every deane warden mayster prebendarie and petie canon of his owne chathedrall or collegiate churches, newely erected within his dioces, of the true value of their spirituall promocions, growynge and ryngynge vnto every of them of the profittes and reuenues of the saide newe erected chathedrall churches and colledges, wherin they be inturled: And the same value shall certifie before the saide Christmas day into the saide court of tenth and first frutes, there to remayne of recorde. And that every of the saide newe erected byshoppes deanes prebendaries peti canons and preachers shall be charged to this subsidie for theyr owne portions onely, therof to paye. vi. s. of the pounce within the
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In the the pates, as is above rehearsed of other byshoppes and spirituall persons. And those portions of rentes and reuenues, whiche the kynges byghnes hath gyuen vnto them for the maintenaunce of poore men, grammacions, queresters, students, and other officers and ministers, not to be charged with any parte of this subsidie.

¶ Provided also that every personne vicare or other spirituall man, payenge a penyon to his pdecessour, shall and may receyve two shyllynges of every pounce of every suche penyon, every yere duringe the saide the pates, to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to paye this subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounce out of every pounce of the hole value of his promotion.

¶ And for the sure and true payment of the saide subsidie graunted by the said prelates and clergie of the said province of Canturburie, accordyng to the tenour effecte and true meanyng of the saide Instrument: Be it enacted by the kynges byghnes, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and of the comons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the said giste and graunte, and every matter, summe of money clause and sentence in the saide instrument cōteyned, be ratified established and confirmed by auctoritie afoze saide.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that every persone, that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the saide subsidie, shall have full power and auctoritie, to leuie take and perceyue the same subsidie, by auctoritie of the Censures of the churche, or by distresse, vppon the possession of the fermours or owners of the landes and tenementes, chargeable by this acte, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money, or otherwyle by the discretion of the Collectours therof. And that no replevie prohibition or supersedeas shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, makinge default of payment of the saide subsidie, contrarie to the tenour of the graunt therof, vntyll suche tyme as they haue truly satisfied and contented all suche parte and porcion, as to them in that behalfe apperteyneth. And that every such fermour or fermours, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment, or any parte of the saide subsidie, shall by the auctoritie afoze saide be allowed and receyve in his handes as moche of his yerely ferme and rent, as the summe, whiche he shall fortune to paye to his lord or lessour, shall extende and amounte vnto: Any writinge conuenaunt bonde or other thyng had or made to the contrarye in any wyle notwithstandinge. And for the leuelling of the saide subsidie of. vi. s. of the pounce, and for the yerely penyons, whiche any preest or other person or persons, whiche heretofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious persons, do or shal receyue at the court of the augmtacions, The chauncellour of the same court for the tyme beyng, shall yerely, duringe the saide the pates, do or receyve in his handes, or cause to be receyved or receyved in the handes of other the officers and ministers of the same court, to the kynges vse, for every pound

pound of the same pencion. ii. s. And it shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid in the said court of the tenth and first fruits, or els where the kynges hyghnes shall appoynte, without any delaye or charge to be made or sustained in that behalf.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctorite afoze saide, that every other person or persons, which paie or be chargeable to paie any pecely rente pencion or pencion, to any prest or other person or persons, whiche hertofore haue ben religious, or taken for religious persons, chargeable to the payement of the said subsidie: that every suche person and persons, which do so paye, or hereafter shall paye any of the said pecely rentes pencion or pencion shall not onely, duringe the saide thye yeres, receyue in his handes pecely to the kynges vse for every pound of the same pecely rentes pencion or pencion. ii. s. and the same well and truly paye or cause to be payde pecely, during the same thye yeres, vnto the ordinarie of the same dioces, or to the collectours of the saide subsidie there to the kynges vse: but also shall pecely, duringe the same thye yeres, befoze the feast of the byrthe of our lord god, certifie vnder his or their seale or scales, vnto the saide court of the tenth and first fruits, or els where it shall please the kynges hyghnes to appoynte, the names and surnames of all & singuler such prestes or other persons religious, or hertofore taken for religious persons, as is afozesaide, and the true pecely rentes or pencion, whiche they or any of them be intituled to haue or receyue pecely, as is afoze said. And that the chauncellour for the tyme being, of the kynges court of augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne shall likewise pecely, during the saide thye yeres, befoze the saide feast of the byrth of our lord god, certifie vnder the seale of the same court, not onely the names and surnames of all and singuler prestes and other persons, chargeable for the saide seuerall rentes and pecely pencion to the payment of the said subsidie in the saide court of the tenth and first fruits, or els where it shall please the kynges maiestie to appoynte: but also the true and iuste pecely summe and simes of the same pecely rentes or pencion, with the names and surnames of the persons chargeable to the payment thereof. And that the archebysshop and byshop of every dioces within the said prouince of Canturburie, shall pecely, during the saide thye yeres, befoze the saide feast of the byrth of our lord god, certifie vnder his seale in the said court of the tenth and first fruits, or els where it shall please the kynges to appoynte, the names and surnames of all and singuler stipendarie prestes, being within any of the dioces, chargeable to the payment of the saide subsidie, as is afoze saide: and also the names and surnames of every such person and persons, with whome he or they do dwell and take any stipende or wages.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctorite afoze saide, that every suche person or persons, whiche within the saide thye yeres shall geue and pay any stipende or wages to any suche prest, as is afoze saide, shall for the insufficiencie or defaulte of every of the same prest or prestes, beinge in seruice

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of wages with hym at the fente of the byrthe of our loyde god, be charged and chargeable to and with the payment of. vi. s. viii. d. for the same yere. ¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said arch-bysshop byshoppes and all other persons, chargeable to and with the collection of the saide subsidie of. vi. s. the pound, within the said prouince of Canturburie, shall haue vpon every payment therof made in the kinges courte of the tenth and fyrst scrupes, or els where the kinges maiestie shall appoynte, a sufficient acquitance in wryting of such person or persons, as the kynges maiestie shall appoynt for the receipt therof: the same acquitance witnessing the receipt of so moche of the same summe of the same subsidie, as shalbe by any of them so receiued: And every such acquitance in wrytinge sealed and subscribed with the name or names of every suche person or persons, that so by the kynges appoyntmentes shall receyue any of the saide summes of money, shalbe as good and effectuell in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if it were made by acte of parliament. And that every person or persons whiche shall haue and receyue any suche acquitance, shall paye but one-ly two pence for every of the same acquitaunces.

¶ Be it also enacted by chauctoritie afoze saide, that all and every graunte and grauntes, of all and every summe and summes of money, which hereafter shalbe graunted to the kynges hyghnes, by the clergi of the prouince of yorke, shalbe of the same strength force and effecte in all thinges, as the saide graunte made by the saide prouince of Canturburie, and shall be taxed certified collected gathered and leuied, accordeynge to the tenoure fourme and effecte of this present acte of parliament, to all intentes constructions and purposes, in such maner, as though it were specially playnly & particularly expresse and reherced in this present acte by expresse wordes termes and sentences in theyr severall natures and kyndes.

¶ PROVIDED alwaie, and be it enacted by chauctoritie afoze saide, that every laye person, hauynge any spirituall promotion chargeable by this acte. And also hauynge tempozall possessions goodes cattalles & debtes, chargeable to the subsidie graunted by the tempozaltie, shalbe charged taxed and set for his saide spirituall promotion with the clergie, and for his tempozall possessions goodes and cattalles with the tempozaltie, and not otherwys.

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AN ACTE FOR CERTAYNE ORDINAUNCES in the kynges maiesties dominion and principalltie of V Wales



Our soueraigne lord the kynges maiestie of his tender zeale and affection, that he bereth towarde his lovinge and obedient subiectes of his dominion principalltie and countrey of Wales, for good rule and order to be from henceforth kepte and maynteyned within the same, wherby his sayd subiectes may growe and ryse to moze welth and prosperitie, hath deuyfed and made dyuerse sundry good and necessarye ordinaunces, which his maiestie, of his most abundant goodnes, at the humble suite and petition of his said subiectes of Wales, is pleased and contented, to be enacted, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme, as here after ensueth.

FYRST THAT his graces sayde domynion principalltie and countrey of Wales, be from henceforth deuided into. xii. shires, of the which. viii. haue ben shires of longe and auncient tyme, that is to saye: the shires of Glamorgan, Carmarthin, Dembroke, Cardigan, Flint, Caernaruan, Anglesey, & Merionneth. And foure of the said twelue shires be newlye made and ordeyned to be shires, by an acte made at the parliament, holden at Westmynster. in the. xviij. yere of our sayd soueraigne lordes moost noble reigne: that is to saye, the shires of Radnor, Brecknock, Mountgomery, and Denbigh, ouer and besides, the shire of Monmouth, and diuers other dominions, lordshippes and manors, in the marches of Wales, vniited and annexed to the shires of Salop, Hertford, and Gloucester, as by the sayd late acte moze plainly appereth.

Item that the lymptations of the hundredes, of late made within the said shires, by vertue of his graces commission, directed out of his highe court of Chancery, and agayne returned into the same, shall stande in full strength, force and effecte, accordinge to the sayd limitation: Except such of the same, as syth that tyme haue ben altered or chaunged, by vertue of any acte, or actes of parliament al redy made, or that shalbe altered or chaunged, by any acte, or actes, in this present session to be made.

Item that there shalbe and remayne a President and counsaile in the said dominion and principalltie of Wales, and the marches of the same, with all officers, clerkes, and incidentes to the same, in maner and forme as hath ben hertofore vsed and accustomed. Whiche president and counsaile shall haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine by their wisdomes and discretions, such causes and matters as be, or hereafter shall be assigned to them by the kynges maiestie, as hertofore hath ben accustomed and vsed.

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Item that there shalbe holden and kept, Sessions thysse in euery yere, in euery of the sayde shires, in the sayde domynyon and principalite of Wales: That is to saye, in the shires of Glamorgan, Brecknok, Radnor, Caermertyn, Pembroke, Cardigan, Mountgomery, Denbigh, Flynt, Caernaruan, Merionneth, and Anglesey, the which Sessions shalbe called the kynges great Sessions in Wales.

Item that the iustice of Cheshire, for the tyme beyng, shall holde and kepe Sessions thysse in euery yere, in the shires of Denbygh, Flynt, and Mountgomery, and haue nothynge but his olde fee of an hundred poundes yerely for the same.

Item that the iustice of Northwales shall in lyke wise holde, and kepe Sessions thysse euery yere, in euery of the sayde shires of Caernaruan, Merionneth, and Anglesey, and shall haue yerely of the kynges maiestie a yerely fee of fyfty poundes for the same.

Item that one person, lerned in the lawes of this realme of Englande, by the kynges maiestie to be named and appoynted, shalbe Iustice of the shires of Radnor, Brecknok, and Glamorgan, and shall in lyke wise holde, and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shires, and shall haue yerely of the kynges maiestie fyfty poundes for his fee.

Item that one other person, lerned in the lawes of this realme, to be appoynted, as is aforesayde, shalbe Iustice of the shires of Caermertyn, Pembroke, and Cardigan, and shall in lyke wise holde and kepe Sessions twise in euery yere, in euery of the same shires: and shall also haue yerely of the kynges maiestie fyfty poundes for his fee.

Item the sayde personnes of Iustices, and euery of them now beyng, or that hereafter shalbe, shall haue severall letters patentes and commissions for their offices, vnder the kynges great seale of Englande, to be exercised by them selues, or their sufficient deputies, according to the purposes and intentes, in their ordinaunces specified.

PROVIDED alwayes, that their commissions, to them alrebye graunted, vnder the said great seale, shall stande in force and effect, according to the tenour of the same: onlesse it shall please the kynges maiestie hereafter, to alter or chaunge them, or any of them, this present article last before expressed in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Item that euery of the sayd Iustices, within the lymittes of their commissions and auctorities, to them appoynted as is aforesaid, shall holde all maner of plects of the Crowne, at and in the sayd Sessions, in as large and ample maner, as the kynges chief Iustice of England, and other the kynges Iustices of the kynges bench there, or any of them, may do in their places or elles where within the realme of Englande. And also to holde plects of assises, and all other plects and actions reall personall and mixte, in as large and ample maner, as the kynges chiefe Iustice of the common place in Englande, and other Iustices of the same place, or any of them, may do in the realme of Englande.

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Item that every of the said Justices of Wales, shall have power and auctoritie, to enquire of all treasons, murders, felonies, riottes, routes, unlawfull assemblies, extorsions, embayceries, maynteynaunces, rereynors, concealmentes, contemptes, and all other offences and euyl dobes, of what natures, names, or qualities so ever they be, done, committed, or perpetrated, within the limittes of their commissions & auctorities, against the fourme of the comon law of the realm of England, or of any statutes of the same, and to here & determine the premises, and every of them: and generally to minister common iudice to all and singuler the kinges subiectes, within the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, according to the lawes statutes and customes of the realme of Englands, and according to this present ordinance.

Item that every of the said sessions shalbe kepte and continued by the space of. vi. daies, in every of the saide shires, at either of the saide tymes as is and hath ben used within the saide thre shires of Northwales. And that the saide Justices shall cause open proclamations to be made in the shire townes, what time & place they purpose to kepe their said sessions. xv. daies at the least, before they kepe the same: to thintent the kynges subiectes may haue knowlege therof.

Item that daies shalbe given in all places plaintes proccesse and adournamences from day to day, and sessions to sessions, by the discretion of the said Justices, within the limittes of their auctorities, for the good and speedy ministracion of Justice, to all and singuler the kinges subiectes, as is or hath ben used in Northwales.

Item that one originall seale, deuised by the kinges highnes for iustice to be ministered in the saide thre shires of Northwales, that is to say, the shires of Merioneth, Caernarvan, and Anglesey, shalbe and remayne in the charge keeping and custodie of the chamberleyn of Northwales. And that one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for ministracion of iustice to be used in the saide shires of Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, shalbe and remayne in the charge and keeping of the Chamberleyn of Southwales. And that likewise one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for ministracion of iustice to be used in the saide thre shires of Brecknock, Radnor, and Glamorgan, shalbe and remaine in the charge and custodie of the Sherwarde and chamberleyn of Brecknock. And that also one other originall seale, deuised by the kinges maiestie, for ministracion of iustice, to be ministered within the saide shires of Denbigh and Mountgomerie, shalbe and remayne in the charge keeping and custodie of the Sherward and Chamberleyn of Denbigh. And that the originall seale of Chester, shall be and stande for the originall seale of Flint, for iustice to be ministered in the saide shire of Flint: and shalbe and remayne in the charge keeping and custodie of the Chamberleyn of Chester.

Item that the said Sherwardes and Chamberleyns shall seale with the said seales: that is to say, every one of them shall seale with the seale, to

his charge committed, all maner of originall writtes and proces, returnable befoze the said Iustices, at the sessions to be holden in every of the said shires, in maner and forme as is aforesaide: and shall severally accompte and answer the kinges maiestie, for the profittes of the same seale. And that none of the said stewardes, chamberleynes, or chauncellours, hauinge the charge and keepinge of the said seales, shall by occasion therof, or by colour of any of their offices, compell or cause any person or persons, inhabited within any of the said. xii. shires, to appeere befoze them selves or their deputies: ne shall haue power or auctoritie, to here or determine any pleges of the crowne, nor other causes or matters of iustice otherwise then in this ordinance is limited and expressed: But shall haue the charge and keepinge of the saide seales, to seale all such originall writtes & proces, as shall be returnable befoze the said iustices, in their saide sessions, as is befoze specified, and as here after shall be declared, which writtes and proces shall be used made sealed and returned, in maner and forme, as hath ben used befoze the Justice in Northwales.

Item that all suche persons, as now be, or here after shall be the kinges highnes stewardes, chamberleynes, or chauncellours, within any of the said. xii. shires, which by reason of their sayd offices, haue charges for the receit collection or accompte, of and for the kinges rentes, reuenues, fermes or profittes, to be due to his maiestie, within the sayde dominion of Wales, may directe proces, under the saide seale, beyng in their charge and custodie, within the limittes of their auctorities, onely agaynst bayliffes, trues, fermours, and other ministers accomptant, to appeere befoze them selves, to answer to and for any the kinges reuenues fermes rentes or profittes, and for none other causes, nor agaynst any other person or persons, in lyke maner and fourme as they haue ben accustomed in that case to do.

Item that all stewardes of any lordships or manors in Wales, shall and may kepe and hold such leetes, lawdayes, and courtbarons, as apperteyneth & belongeth to the lordships and manors, wherof they be stewardes, and to holde pleges by playnte, under the summe of. xli. in every suche courtbaron: and haue and enioye all other auctorities, commodities and profittes, as stewardes of leetes, lawdayes and court barons in England commonly haue, and ben used to haue, by reason of the saide offices, and none other: any law blage or custome, in the saide dominion of Wales, hertofore had to the contrary herof notwithstandinge.

Item provided alwayes and be it enacted, that the saide stewardes, nor any of them, nor the shirefe of the said counties in Wales, shall haue any power or auctoritie, to enquire of any maner of felonie, in any suche leete, lawdaye, or tourne, within the saide dominion to be holden.

And that from henceforth no leete nor lawday be kepte by the steward or other officer, of any lordshippe or manor in the said dominion of Wales: but in such lordshippes and places, where it was accustomed to be kepte, befoze

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before the makinge of the acte of parliament, concerninge Wales, made in the. xxvi. yere of our sayde soueraygne lordes reigne. So alwayes the place, where such court shalbe kept, be mete & conuenient for that purpose.

Item that all Shaires, Bailiffes and head officers of corporate towne in Wales, maye holde piers, and determyne actions, and do euery other thinge, concerninge common iustice, according to their lawfull grauntes and laudable customes of such towne: so alwayes they folow the course trade and facion, of the lawes and customes of the realme of Englande, and not of any wallhe lawes or customes. And that in euery of the sayde towne they may trie all issues ioyned, or hereafter to be ioyned, in any action personall, by. vi. men, accordinge as hertofore in dyuerse places of the sayd countrey it hath ben vsed: Any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that for as moch as there be diuers & many small boroughes and towne corporate within the sayd dominion of Wales: wherof many haue theyr commencement by grauntes, made from the lordes marchers, and some by other meanes: our sayde soueraine lord shal from henceforth, by vertue of this acte, haue full power and auctoritie, by his letters patentes, to be intolled in his graces highe court of Chancery, at any tyme within seven yeres, hereafter nexte ensuyng to the end of this present parliament, to repell, aduillate, and dissolue suche and as many of the sayde boroughes and towne corporate, and all libertie & customes of the same, as to his highnes shalbe thought expedient, to thintent his maiestie, at his graces pleasure, may netoly erect, ordeyne and make, such and as many other boroughes and towne corporate within the sayd domynion, beinge more apte and conuenient for that purpose, and endue them with such libertie and franchises, as to his most excellent wisdom shalbe thought necessarye, for the welth of the said countrey.

Item the kynges maiestie is pleased and contented, of his most gracious goodnes, that such as haue patentes of any office of Stewardships, chamberleynshippes, chauncellourshippes, or Justiceshippes, within the sayd domynion of Wales, for terme of their lyues, shal haue and enioye their certayne ordinarie and annuell fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be payed and borne by the kynges highnes, by vertue of any theyr letters patentes, during their interest therein: but in no wise to take or claime any casuall fees, claymed by colour of their offices, contrarie to this present ordinaunce: Any custome in Wales, or any thinge in this acte to the contrary not withstandinge.

Item ouer and besides the said originall seales, there shalbe four iudiciall seales, deuised by the kynges maiestie, wherof one shal remayne with the Justice of Chester, which is appoynted by this act, to be Justice of the Shires of Flynt, Denbigh, and Mountgomerie, to be vsed within the said Shires to seale all iudiciall proses and bylles, that shal be sued before the

said Justice, in the sessions, to be holden within the same shires. And that one other of the said iudiciall scales, shall likewise remaine, & be in the charge & custodie of the said Justice of Northwales. And that the third of the said scales, shall be and remaine in the custodie and charge, of the Justice of the thre shires of Glamorgan, Dyknok, & Wadnoz. And the fourth of the said scales shall remaine in the charge and custodie of the Justice of the sayde thre shires, of Pembroke, Carmarthin, and Cardigan. And the sayd Justices shall seale with the sayd iudiciall scales: that is to say, every of them with the seale committed to his charge and custodie, as well all bylles, as all other iudiciall proces, that shall be sued befoze them in the sayde sessions, vppon any originall bylles or wyttes: and all other processe, that shall be awarded from any of the said Justices, shall be sealed with the sayd iudiciall seale.

Item that every of the sayd Justices shall accompte and answer to the kynges maiestie for the profittes of the said seale, being in his charge and custodie, in maner and forme as hereafter shall be declared.

Item that the Ceste of every byll and iudiciall proces, that shall passe vnder the sayd iudiciall seale, shall be vnder the name of suche of the sayde Justices, from whom such bill or iudiciall processe shall passe, in lyke maner and forme as is used in the common place in Englande.

Item that all actions real and myxt, atteintes, conspiracies, assises, and quare impedit, appeles of murther and felonye, and all actions grounded vpon any statutes, shall be sued by originall wyttes, to be opteyned & sealed with the said original seale, returnable befoze the said Justices at their sessions, within the lymittes of their auctorities, in maner and forme as is afoze mencioned.

Item that all maner of personall actions, as dette, detynue, trespass, accompte, and such lyke, amounting to the summe of fourty shillinges, or aboue shall be sued by wyttes originall, to be opteyned and sealed as is afozesayd, or by bylles, at the pleasure of the partie suinge the same, befoze the said Justices, within the lymittes of their auctorities, as is used in Northwales. And that all personall actions, vnder the somme of fourtie shillinges, that is to say, dette, trespass, detynue, accompte, and such lyke, shall and may be sued, befoze any of the sayd Justices, in the said sessions, by bill as it is used in Northwales. And that every originall byll, concerninge actions personalles, shall be sealed with the kynges iudiciall seale, being in the custodie of the said Justice, befoze whom such personall actions by bille shall be brought and commenced. And that suche fees shall be paid for the wytinge and sealyng of such originall wyttes and bylles, as hereafter shall be expessed: That is to say, for the sealyng of every original wytte to be sued in, and vpon the causes afozesayde: and for every byll, to be pursued in actions personall, wherof the dette, and damage amounteth to the summe of fourty shillinges, or aboue, the parties pursuinge the same, shall paye for the seale of every suche wytte or bylle, six pence.

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And for every iudiciall proces, to be sued vpon any such originall writte, or bill, the parties pursuynge such iudiciall proces, shall pay for the sealinge thereof, seven pence: wherof the kinges maiestie shall haue sex pence, and the Justice, sealinge suche iudiciall processe, shall haue one penny.

Item that every bill in personal action, wherof the debt, duntie or damage amounteth not to forty shillings: and all maner iudiciall processe to be sued vpon the same, shall also be sealed with the kynges sayde iudiciall scale: and the parties pursuynge the same, shall pay for the scale of every such byll, and iudiciall proces, theruppon to be sued, thre pence, wherof the kynges maiestie to haue two pence and the Justice, sealinge suche processe, to haue a penny.

Item that all writtes of *Specie fac*, and writtes of good abertinge, or for the pear, or writtes of *Superfedas* vpon the same, and all other processe to be sued from the sayde Justices, vpon any recorde or suggestion, admitted by any of the sayde Justices, within the limites of their auctorities, shall also be sealed with the sayde iudiciall scale. And that the parties, pursuynge for the same, shall paye for the scale, of every suche writte and processe, seven pence: wherof the kynges highnesse shall haue sex pence, and the Justice, by whome suche processe shall be sealed, a penny. And that every exemplification, vpon any recorde, before any of the said Justices, shall be sealed with the kinges saide iudiciall scale: and the parties pursuynge the same, shall paye for the scale thereof, twenty pence wherof the kinges highnesse shall haue sextene pence, and the Justices, sealynge the same, four pence.

Item that recoveries and fynes, concordies and *Accarrantes* of attourney for the same, shall and maye be taken before euerye of the saide Justices, of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within his auctoritie, by force of his generall commission, without any writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, to be sued for the same, in like maner and fourme as is vled to be taken, before the kynges chiefe Justice, of his common place in Englande.

Item that all fynes, herafter to be leuied before any of the saide Justices, with proclamation made the same sessions, that the saide fine shal be engrossed, and in two other great sessions then nexte to be holden within the same countrey, shalbe of the same force and strength to al purposes, as fynes leuied with proclamations be of, that be leuied before the Justices of the common place in Englande.

Item that every personne, suynge writtes of *Entree* in the *Docke*, or writtes of couenaunt, or any other writtes, for any recoverye to be hadde, by assent of parties, or otherwys, or for any fyne to be leuied, shall paye suche fynes to the kynges vse, for the same, aswell fynes *Pro licentia concordandi*, as all other maner of fynes, as is vled in the kynges Chauncery, or elles where in any of the kinges Courtes of Englande

Englande: whiche fines shall be paid to suche persons, as shall scale the originall writtes for that purpose: And that they shall accompte for the same in like fourme, as they shall do for the profittes of the said originall scale, as is aforesaide.

Item that the kinges silver, upon every fine to be leuted, shall be payed, as is vled in the common place in Englande: that is to saye, two shillings: which kinges silver shall be payde to the Justice, afoze whom suche fine shall be leuted. Wherof the kinges highnes shall haue twenty pens: and the Denotarie, entering the same, shall haue two pens: & the Justice, afoze whome suche fine shall be leuted, other two pens. And that the same Justice shall accompte for the kinges part therof, like as he shall for the profittes of the kinges iudiciall scale, committed to his charge, in maner and fourme as is aforesaide.

Item there shall be foure Denotaries for the makinge of all iudiciall proces, and for the enteringe of all ples proces and matters of recorde, in the sessions to be holden befoze the said Justices: wherof one of the saide Denotaries shall attende vpon the saide Justice appoynted for the thre shires of Northwales: And one other shall attende vpon the Justice, assigned for the thre shires of Flint, Denbigh, and Mountgomerie: And the thirde shall attende vpon the Justice assigned for the thre shires of Caermethin, Cardigan, and Pembroke. And the fourth of the saide Denotaries shall attende vpon the Justice, assigned for the thre shires of Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor. And these foure Denotaries, as often as their saide offices shall be voyde, shall be named and appoynted by the kinges highnes, by his maiesties letters patentes, vnder his great seale of Englande. And where one John Arnold gentleman hath thoffice of Denotarie, and clerkeshippe of the Crowne, by the kinges highnesse letters patentes, within the said thre shires of Northwales: And that one John Brekenhed, hath thoffice of the Denotarie and clerkeshippe of the Crowne by the kinges letters patentes, within the saide shire of Flynt: And that likewyse one John Lemerde hath thoffice of the pzenotary and clerkeshippe of the crowne, by the kinges letters patentes, within all the residue of the saide dominion of Wales: The kinges maiestie is pleased & contented, that the said thre Denotaries shall haue, vse, & enioy, their said offices accoꝛdinge to the effecte of the said letters patentes to them therof made, doinge their duties and attendaunce by them selues, or their sufficient deputies, at euery of the saide sessions, to be kepte within the shires, wherunto they be so appoynted.

Item there shall be a Marshall and a Crier in euery of the circuittes and tymptis, allotted to the said Justices, whiche shall be named by the saide Justices, within the tymptis of their auctoritie and commysion, in lyke maner and fourme as Justices of assyse do in Englande. And the saide officers shall attende vpon the saide Justices in their circuittes, in their owne proppre persons, and not by their deputies.

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And that the Marshall shall have upon every iudgement, and every fyne four pens: and the crier a peny. And upon the acquittalles of felons, and of them, that shalbe deliuered by proclamation, or deliuered out of comon mapnyse, befoze any of the said Iustices, the Marshall shal haue four pens, and the crier a peny.

¶ Item that every of the saide pzenotaries, within the limites of their offices, shall take such fees, as hereafter shall be expressed: That is to say, for the wytyng of plices, and ingrossinge of wyttes of entre in the post, wyttes of right, Quod ei de forceat, or any other wyttes, pursued by the sent of the parties, fyue shillinges. And if it be with a duple voucher, then sex shillinges and. viii. d. s for the exemplification therof, two shillinges. And for the engrossing of fynes, to haue for every fyne thye shillinges, and four pens: And if it be with proclamations, then four shillinges.

¶ Item for every bill of debte detinue trespass and all other actions personalles, sued befoze the said Iustices in their circuittes, vnder the summe of .xl. s. the pzenotaries shall haue, for the first byll, iiii. d. for the second byll, four. d. and for the third byll four. d. And for the entre of every declaration, plee in barre, replication, and reioynder, in and vpon every such actions, so that he do entolle the same in parchment, four pens. And for every venire fac, tales, habeas corpora, et disti in the same actions, four pens: and for the iudgement, four pens. And for every wytte of execution, in every such action, sex pens: And for every warrant of attorney, in every such action, as well for the playntiffes as for defendantes, four pens.

¶ Item in all actions of detinue trespass and all other actions personall, wherein the dette debte or damage, amounteth to the summe of fourtie shillinges, or above, which shalbe sued by billes befoze the saide Iustices, the pzenotarie shall haue for the first bill, four pens, for the seconde bill, iiii. d. for the thirde byll four pens. And for every of the declaracion, the answer, replication, and reioynder, if it be entolled in parchment, eyght pens: And for the venire fac, tales habeas corpora, et disti, for every of them, sex pens: and for the iudgement eyght pens, and for the warrant of attorney, four pens: and for every wytte of execution vpon the iudgements in such billes, sex pens.

¶ Item in originall wyttes, sued vpon every action personall, returnable befoze the said Iustices, the pzenotaries shall haue for every iterum sum, sex pens, for every distres in trespass, sex pens, and for the declaration, eyght pens: for the answer, replication and reioynder, for every of them, if they be inrolled and engrossed, as is alsoe saide, twelue pens. For the venire fac, tales, habeas corpora, et disti, for every of them, sex pens: and the pzenotaries to haue for the entre of the iudgements in everye such action, twelue pens. And for every wytte of execution, sued vpon the same sex pens. For the exemplification of everye recorde, in any of the saide actions, two shillinges. For every warrant of attorney, four pens. In all actions Reals and mixte, assises, quare impedit, appeles

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apprales of felonie, murther, or mayme the Iudicatorie to haue for the declaration or playnte, two shillings: and for the piec in barre, replication, reioinder, surreioinder, for euery of the, if they be enrolled, as is aforesaid, twelue pens: & for the writting of euery writte fac, Cales, habeas corpus, & dist^r vpon the same, for euery of them sex pens: and for the entrie of the iudgement, in euery of the said actions & appeles, two shillings: And for the writting of the writtes of execution, made vpon euery of the said actions, appeles, and assises, twelue pens: And for writtes of graunde Cape and petie cape, and writtes of bieu, writtes vpon voucher, and al other writtes in euery such action or actions, twelue pens: And for euery warrant of atturney, for the defendantes or for the demaundantes, or playntiffes, in euery such action real, assise appele, & quare impedit, four pens: And for the essoynes in euery such action, four pens: and for the adiournament, two pens: & for the bayle of euery person of felonie, twelue pens: and for the bayle for trespass, sex pens: And for the apperaunce and baylinge of common maynp^rise, two pens.

Item for writting of writtes for the peac, and good abetinge, graunted by any of the said Iustices in thre sessions, sex pens: and for the entring of euery Recognisaunce to be had and taken befoze the saide Iustices, for euery cause or causes, other then befoze is expessed, twelue pens: and if it be with condicion, then two shillings. And vpon euery acquittall and deliuerance of felons or murtherers by verditte or by allowance of pardon, the Iudicaries to haue two shillings. And if it be vpon inditmentes, certified from the Iustices of the peac, afoze the Iustices in the great sessions: the clerke of the peac to haue also twelue pens. And vpon the deliuerie of any suspecte of felonie or murther, by proclamation, the said Iudicarie to haue twelue pens.

Item that the kynges maiestie shal haue al fines, issues, amercementes and all forfeitures of Recognisaunces lost or forfeite befoze any of the said Iustices, in the session aforesaid. And that the said Iudicaries, with in the limittes of their offices, shal perely extre the same into the Eschequer, appointed for that limit, to thintent that proces from thens may be awarded to the shiriffes, to leuie the same to the kynges vse; as apperteyneth: which shiriffes shal perely make their accomptes, befoze the kynges Auditors, therunto to be assigned and appoynted.

Item ouer and besides the said president and counsaile and Iustices, there shalbe Iustices of peac and quorum, and also one Custos rotulorum in euery of the said twelue shires.

Item that the said Iustices of peac, Iustices of quora, & custos rotulorum in the said shires, shalbe named and appointed by the Chancelor of Eng-land, by comission vnder the kynges great scale of Englande, by thaduis of the president counsaile & Iustices aforesaid, or thre of them, of the whiche the said president to be one, from time to time, as the case shal require.

Item that there shal not excede the number of, viii. Iustices of the peac in any

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in any of the said shires, ouer and besydes the president counsaile and Justices afore said, and the kynges attorney and Solicitour: which president counsaile Justices, and the kynges attorney and Solicitour, shalbe put in euery commission of peax, in euery of the sayd twelue shires.

Item that such persons, as shalbe named to be Justices of peax, within euery of the sayd shires, shalbe of good name, and fame: and after they be assigned by commission, maye vse and exercise thoske of the Justice of peax, al be it they may not dispende twenty pounde, nor be learned in the lawes of the land, without any losse damage or penalties, for insufficiencye of their landes. And that euery of the sayde Justices of peax, befoze they shall execute their commission, shall take their othes befoze the Chancelor of England, or els befoze the sayde president, or one of the saide Justices in Wales, by vertue of the kynges writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, or befoze any other personne, to be lymited by the lord Chaunceloure of Englande for that purpose: The contentes of which othe, shalbe after the forme, as Justices of peax in England vse to make.

Item that the said Justices of peax, or two of them at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum, shall and may kepe their sessions, within the lymittes of their commissions, foure tymes in the yere, and at other tymes vpon vrgent causes, as Justices of peax in Englande vse to do, and shall haue like power & auctoritie in all thinges, & fees of the kynges maiestie, for the time of their sitting, aswell for the selues, as for their clerkes: & shal be bound to vse and do their offices, in like maner as is vled in England.

Item that no Justices of peax, clerke of the peax, nor other clerke of any Justice of peax in Wales, shall take for the writyng of any warrant of the peax, or good aberynge, aboue sex pens, and for entrynge of pleges or bo- rowes to pay the kynges fyne vpon any inditement, nyne pens. And if it be with protestation, than to take twelue pens: and for a Superedeas, not aboue eight pens: and for a Recognisaunce twelue pens. And that all the saide Justices of peax shall certifie all Recognisaunces taken befoze any of them, for the peax, or good aberynge, into their Sessions, nexte to be holden after the takynge therof. And Recognisaunce taken befoze any of them, for suspicious of any maner of felonie, shalbe certified befoze the Justices in the great sessions, next to be holden after the takynge therof, without concelement deteynyng or imbecelyng of the same, vpon suche penalties and daungers, as be therfoze ordeyned and established.

Item that all fines & amerciamentes, befoze the saide Justices of peax lost and hereafter to be lost, shalbe taxed and assessed by two Justices of the peax at the least, wherof one to be of the quorum. And that all such fynes and amerciamentes shalbe set truely and duely accordyng to the quantite of the offences, without parcialitie or affection.

Item that the sayd fynes and amerciamentes, and also all issues losse befoze the said Justices of peax, and all forfeitures of Recognisaunces, and other forfeitures befoze the same Justices, shall be perely extorted by the

the clerkes of the peax, into the Eschequer, appointed for that ymit, to thinttent that poces from thens may be awarded, for the leuenge of the same forsaitures and sommes of mony to the kynges vse, to the shire of every countie, as shall apperteigne. Who shall make therof their accomptes, before suche Auditours, as therunto shall be assigned, so that the kynges maiestie may therof be truly and duly answered and satisfied: whiche Auditours shall make due allowance to the same shireffes, for the fees of the Justices and clerkes of the peax, vppon their said accomptes, as is vsed in the realme of Englande.

Item that there shall be shireffes in euery of the said shires perely appointed by the kynges maiestie. And that none of the sayde shireffes shall haue their office of shireffwike, any longer tyme, than is vsed by the lawes and statutes of England. And for the perely nomination of the saide shireffes, the said lord president Counsaile and Justices of Wales, or thze of them at the least, wherof the sayd president to be one, shall perely nominate thze substantiall persons, in euery of the said twelue shires, to be shireffes of the same, and shall certifie their names to the lordes of the kynges most honorable counsaile, attending vpon his graces person, *Crastino animarum*, to thinttent the kynges maiestie, being therof aduertised, may appoint one of them in euery of the sayd shires, to be shirefe for that pere, at his most gracious wpll and pleasure, lyke as his highnesse doth for his realme of Englande. And therupon the said shireffes shall haue their patentees, and commissiōs vnder the great seale of England, as shireffes of England haue, and shall make and take othes and knowleges of Recognisaunces, before the president and Justices, or one of them, by vertue of the kynges writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, to be directed for the same, for the due execution of their offices, and for their iulle and true accomptes before the kynges Auditour or Auditours assigned for Wales.

Item that euery of the saide shireffes shall haue full power and auctoritie, within the lymittes of their shireffwike, to do and vse their offices, as shireffes in Englande, and shall accomplishe and execute, without any fauour brede or corruption, all maner of wyttes, poces, iudgements, and executions, and all maner common Justice, apperteynyng to their offices of shireffes, and all laifull comaundementes and preceptes, of the sayde president, Counsaile and Justices of Wales, and also of the Justices of the peax, Eschetors, and Crowners, and euery of them, in all thinges apperteynyng to theyr offices and auctorities.

Item that the sayd shireffes shall do and be bound to do all and euery other thyng and thynges for the ministracion of Justice, and for the conseruation of the kynges peax, and the apprehension and represse of traytours, murtherers, theues, felons, and other offendours, as shireffes of Englande do vse, and be bound to do within the realme of Englande.

Item that the said shireffes shall perely accompt before such the kynges Auditour or Auditours, as shall be assigned and appointed by the kynges
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maiestie for his saide dominion of Wales. And that euery of the saide Shireffes shall haue perely for his fee, fīue pounde.

Item that all matres, Shireffes, Sherwardes, bailiffes, & other ministers and officers of iustice, of euery countie, lordship towne and place, within the saide dominion of Wales, and all and singular the kinges subiectes of the same, shall be alwayes obedient attendant and assisting to the saide president, counsaile and Justices of Wales, and euery of them, & shall obey the kinges commaundementes & proces, from them or any of them directed, and all the lafull & reasonable preceptes of the saide president, counsaile and Justices, and euery of them. And also shall be obedient to all the saide Justices of peare Shireffes and Eschetors, within the limittes of their saide auctorities, as well for common administration and due execution of iustice, as in all other thinges apperteyning to their duties and offices.

Item that Eschetors shall be named in euery of the saide Shires, by the lord Tresourer of Englande, by thaduisse of the saide president, counsaile, and Justices, or thye of them at the least, wherof the saide president to be one: which Eschetors shall make & take their othes, & knowledge their recognisances befoze the saide president, or one of the saide Justices, by vertu of the kinges wytt of *Dedimus potestatem*, to be directed for the same, for the due execution of their offices, and for their true accompt, to be made befoze the kinges auditour or auditours, to be assigned for the same: which othe & recognisance shall be agreable to the othe & recognisance, vsed for the Eschetors in Englande. And the Eschetors shall perely haue their patenttes & commissions, vnder the great scale of Englande, & shall haue power and auctorite to exercise their offices, in like maner and fourme as Eschetours in Englande, and shall be bounde to all lawes and statutes of Englande.

Item that all such persons, as shall be appointed to the saide offices, shall and may exercise their offices, if they may dispende perely, v. li. of freehold: any statutes of Englande to the contrary therof not withstandinge. And that euery of the saide Eschetors shall make their accomptes perely befoze such auditour or auditours, as shall be assigned by the kinges maiestie, to here and determyne his highnes accompte for his reuenues and profittes of the saide deminion of Wales.

Item there shall be two crowners, to be elected in euery of the saide .xii. Shires as is vsed in England, by vertu of the kinges wytt, *De coronatore eligendo*, to be awarded out of the kinges chancery of England. And that the saide crowners shall haue like power & auctorite, to do & exercise their offices, & haue like fees, as is limited by the lawes & statutes of Englande.

PROVIDED alwayes, that the wytt, *De coronatore eligendo*, to chole the Crowners within the saide countie of Flint, shall be directed out of the Eschequer of Chester.

Item that the saide Justices of the peare, or two of them at the least, wherof one of them to be of the quoyt, shall appoynte & name in euery hūdyed, within the limittes of their commission, two substantiall gentlemen or pemen,

to be the chiefe Constables of the hundred, wherein they inhabite: which two constables of every hundred, shall have especiall regarde to the conservation of the kinges pear: and shall and may do and vse theyr offices in all and singuler thinges, as is vled by the high constables of the hundredes in Englande: And shall be bounde to all thinges, as high constables of the hundredes in England be bounde to do.

Item that euery of the saide Shireffes shall haue a galle for prisoners within some conuenient place of the castles of the shire townes, where he is shireffe, or in suche other conuenient place, as by the sayd president counsaile and Justices, or thye of them, wherof the saide president to be one, shalbe appointed: Any patent or graunt heretofore made to any person or persons, of the constableness, or keepinge of any of the said castles, in any wise not withstandinge. And that the shireffe shall make the Bayliffes of the hundredes: and they to attende vpon the Justices in euery of theyr courtes and sessions.

Provided alwayes, that the constables of the kinges castelles within euery of the said shire townes of Wales, shal not be charged with the gales, and of all the prisoners, that shall be committed to their warde, lyke as they haue hertofore ben, vnto such time conuenient places for that purpose, be assigned to the saide shireffe.

Item the saide shireffes shall kepe their countie monethly, and their hundred courtes, for ples vnder fourtie shyllinges, as is vled in Englad, and shall take for the entring of plaintes, proces, ples and iudgementes, in the said shire courtes and hundredes, such small fees as is vled to be taken in shires and hundredes in Englande, and not aboue.

Item that all maner of trialles before them in their said courtes, or before any stewardes in court barons, shalbe by wager of lawe, or verdict of vi. men, at the pleasure of the partie plaintife or defendaunt, that pleded the plee. And that euery of the saide shireffes shall kepe and holde their Courtes yerely after Easter and Michaelmas, as they haue ben vled in Englande.

Item the kinges highnesse shall haue all maner of fines, issues, amerciamentes and forsaitures, losse or forsaited in any of the sayde countie hundredes, courtes, and tournes, to his owne vse, and the shireffe to accompt for the same accordingly.

Item that the extretes of the saide tournes, countie, and hundredes shalbe viewed, & the fines issues and amerciamentes, asserred by the said Justices of assises of that circuite, before the leuyleng of the same amerciamentes or other forsaitures. And that no shireffe, or any of his officers, presume to gather or leuie any suche amerciament, or other forsaiture before the saide extrete be so asserred, vpon peine to forsaite to the kynges vie fourtie shyllinges. And that the shireffe vpon euery iudgemente had before him in his countie or hundrede courte, in any playnte vnder fourtye shyllinges, shall and may awarde a Capias ad satisfaciendum

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to arrest the party condemned: or elles a *Fieri fac*, at the libertie of the party pursuant.

Item that all bylles sued before the said Justices, in personall actions, wherof the debt, dutie, or damage is vnder forty shyllinges: the Shireffe shall haue for the retorne of every byll, two pence: And every venire fac, Tales, habeas corpora, et distr, two pence. And for writtes of execution vpon the iudgement, in any such byll, twelue pence.

Item in bylles sued before the said Justices, in actions personalles, above the summe of fourtie shyllinges, the Shireffe shall haue for the retorne of every suche byll four pence: and for the retorne of every venire fac habeas corpora distr et Tales, four pence: and for every writte of execution, two shyllinges. And in all personall actions, sued by originall writtes returnable before the sayd Justices, the Shireffe shall haue for every *Iterum distr* et *alias distr* four pence: and for every venire fac habeas corpora distr & Tales, sex pence. And for every writte of execution to be executed vpon the iudgement, in such actions, two shyllinges: for the seruing of every writte of *Elegit*, sex shyllinges & eight pence. And in all reall actions or mixt, pursued before the sayde Justices by originall writte, for retorne of every originall, two shyllinges. And for the retorne of every other writte and iudiciall proces, dependynge vpon the same, before iudgemente, two shyllinges: And for every writte of execution, after iudgement, vpon every originall, in actions reall or mixt, two shyllinges. And for seruings of every writte of habere fac seisinam, sex shyllinges & eight pence.

Item for attachementes vpon *Capias*, or other proces sued before the sayd Justices, by originall or iudiciall writte, if he retorne *Cepi corpus*, two shyllinges: and for a *Reddit se*, vpon an exigent of felonye, in appele of murther or mayne, or vpon any indictment of felonye or murther, two shyllinges. And vpon a *Reddit se*, vpon an exigent of debte, trespassse, detinue and all other actions personalles, twelue pence: And for the making of *Repleg*, twelue pence, & *withernam* vpon the same, twelue pence. For the turne of every writte of appele or murther, felonye or mayne, twelue pence. And vpon all other proces growen vpon the same, as venire fac, Tales habeas corpora, et distr, twelue pence. And in every action taken before the Shireffes by Justices, for the summe therof four pence: and for every other proces therupon four pence. And for every prisoner deliuered by acquittall, or by proclamation, for any maner of felonye twelue pence.

Item that every Shireffe, within the limittes of his auctoritie, maye and shall put suche personnes vnder common maynpryse, as they haue reasonable cause of suspecte, accordynge to the said acte made for Wales, byndynge such as they shall so put to common maynpryse, with two sufficient suretyes with them, by Recognysaunce, to appere before the sayde Justices, within the limittes of their auctorities, at the nexte greates sessions to be holden, nexte after the takinge of suche bandes: and shall certifye the names of them, that be bounde, before the sayde Justices at

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the said sessions accordingly, without concelement therof, at their pleasure.
¶ Item that every person, that the shireffe taketh to common mainpryse, to appere befoze the said Iustices, as is afoze said, shall pay for his mainpryse two pens, and not above. And the said shireffe to put no man to common mainpryse, but such as be suspecte, and as shalbe returned by them befoze the said Iustices at their sessions, as is afoze said. And also the sayde shireffe shall haue, for the returne of a wytte of false iudgement, out of a bafe court, befoze the said Iustices, two shillinges. And that þe said shireffe shall take no maner of fee, for the returne of any of the said wyttes of execution afoze expressed, onles he returne the same executed.

¶ Item that in all and every such wyttes ovyginall oꝝ iudiciall, oꝝ other proces plees oꝝ wytinges, which be not expressed in this oꝝdinaunce, the fees therof, aswell for the seales as wytinge, shalbe rated by the said president Counsaile and iustices, oꝝ thye of them, wherof the said president to be one by their discretions from tyme to tyme, as the case shall require: And that they shall haue full power and auctoritie from tyme to tyme to assesse and appoint, what fee the said shireffes, escheatours, and Crowners, and their ministers, Pronotaries and their Clerkes, & other ministers of iustice in the said shires: shall haue, take, and receyue of the kynges subiectes for any maner wyttes, playntes, plees, proces, returnes, oꝝ any other matter oꝝ thinge, concernynge oꝝ belongynge to the execution of their offices & rowmes: and to augment oꝝ diminish any fee oꝝ fees above declared as shalbe thought by their discretions, to be conveniente and mete for the common welth of the kynges subiectes of those parties of wales: any thinge conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

¶ Item that from henceforth no maner of person oꝝ persons, for murthes oꝝ felony, shalbe put to his lyne, but suffre accoꝝdynge to the lawes of the realme of Englande. Excepte it please the kynges maiestie to pardon him oꝝ them. And if the sayd Iustices se cause of pitie oꝝ other consideration, they may reprie the prisoner, till they haue aduertised the kynges maiestie of the matter.

¶ Item that the acte made in the parliament, holden in the .xxvi. yere of the most royall reygne of the kynges maiestie, concernynge amonge other thinges inquisitions and trialles of counterfeit, waschyng, clipping, and minishinge of the kynges Coyne, murthers, felons, and accessories to the same, perpetrated oꝝ done within wales, to be had, made, and determined in the next shire, oꝝ countie within England adioyning, where the kynges wytte runneth, and every article therein conteyned, shall stand in his full strength and force, accoꝝdynge to the tenoure and effecte of the same: Any thinge in this said oꝝdinaunce, oꝝ any other acte, cause, oꝝ matter heretofore had oꝝ made, to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

¶ And all be it the same acte as yet was neuer put in execution, for any of the sayde offences heretofore done oꝝ committed within any of the sayde thye Shyres of North Wales: That is to saye, the countyes of

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of Anglesey, Caernarvan, and Merionneth, Be it now declared & enacted by th'authoritie afoze said, that the saide act, and every article therein conteyned, shall from henceforth take effect, and be executed in all pointes, for and concerning any of the said offences perpetrated and done, or that here after shall be perpetrated or done, within the said countie of Merionneth, to be enquired of, heard, and determined, within the countie of Salop, in lyke manner and forme, as commonly is and hath ben vsed for any of the same or lyke offences, committed or done within any other countie or place of Southwales: any matter or cause here tofoze risen or growen to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Item that the towne or hamlet of Abertannad, and all the ground and soile within the same, which afoze this time hath ben taken, reputed, and vsed as percell of the said countie of Merionneth, shall from the feast of Easter next comming, by vertue of this acte, be buyted, annexed & made percell of the said countie of Salop: and so from thensforth to be reputed taken and vsed for ever, and not to be of any other shire or countie of Wales. And that the same towne or hamlet, and all the ground and soile within the same towne or hamlet, be from and after the said feast accepted and taken as parte and percell of the hundred of Oswestre: and that the inhabitants therof, from the said feast, shall be attendant and do every thing and thinges, with the inhabitants of the said hundred of Oswestre, as the same inhabitants do or ben bounde to do, any lawes or customes to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Item in case any forein plee or voucher, be hereafter pleded or made before any of the said Iustices of Wales, betwene partie & partie, triable in any other shire within Wales, than where the same plee is pleded or voucher made: That then the said Iustices, afoze whom the same plee or voucher is or shall be pleded or made, shall & may sende the kinges writte, with a transcripte of the recorde, mencioning the same forein matter of plee or voucher vnder the seale to him committed, vnto the Iustice of the countie, where the same matter is or shall be triable, commaunding the said Iustices, by vertue of the said writ, to pcede to the triall therof, according to the kinges lawes & statutes, which trial so before him had, he shall remaunde with the hole recorde vnto the Iustice, before who the sayde plee or voucher was pleded or made: who ther vpon shall pcede to iudgement, as the case shall requyre.

Item in case the same forein plee voucher or other matter so pleded, be triable within the realme of England: that then in every such case the iustice afoze who the same ple or voucher is or shall be pleded had or made, shall & may pcede to the trial therof, as shall apperteigne, within the same shire of Wales, where the same plee voucher or matter was pleded, the said forein plee voucher, or any other thing or mater to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Item that no manner of person or persons fro henceforth, without lausful auctoritie, shall make any rumours, tumultes, vnlawful assemblies, or outcries at any of the said courtes or sessions, nor any outcries or vnlawful assemblies

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In great nombres, at any other time or times, except it be for the apprehension or purfuyng of murderers or felons, vpon paine of imprisonment and greuous fyne to be taxed and set vpon them by the said president and counsaile, or by the Iustices or other officer, before whom such misbehaviour shall happen to be committed.

Item that all manors landes tenementes mesuages & other hereditamentes, & all rightes & tytes to the same, in any of the said shires of Wales, descended to any maner person or persons, syth the feast of the Natyuite of saint Iohn Baptist, in the xxxiii. yere of our saide souerayne lordes reigne, or that hereafter shall descēd, be taken, enioied, vsed & holden as Englyssh tenure to all intentes, accordyng to the comon lawes of this realme of Englande, & not to be partable among heyyes males, after the custome of Gauchland, as hertofore in diuerse parties of Wales hath ben vsed and accustomed. And that the same lawe, from and after the said feast of saint Iohn Baptist, in the saide xxxiii. yere, be vsed, taken and exercised in the saide countie of Monmouth, & in all such lordshippes and other places, as by vertue of the saide acte, made in the said xxxii. yere, or by any other acte or actes, made or to be made, were and shall be annexed, vnyted, or knyt to any of the shires of Salop, Hereford, Glouc, or other shires: any lawes vsages or customes, hertofore had or vsed to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Item that no mortgages of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, made or had after þ said feast of saint Iohn Baptist, which was in þ said xxxiii. yere of the raygne of our saide souerayne lord, or that hereafter shall be had or made, within any of the saide shires or places, shalbe hereafter allowed or admitted, otherwysse then after the course of the comon lawes and statutes of the realme of Englande: any vsage or custome hertofore had to the contrarye therof not withstandinge.

Item it shalbe lefull to all persons, to alien, sell or otherwysse put away their landes tenementes, & hereditamentes within the said countrey or dominion of Wales, the countie of Monmouth, & other places annexed to any of the shires in Englad, from them & their heires, to any person or persons, in fee simple or fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or for terme of yeres, after the maner, & accordyng as is vsed by the lawes, of the realme of Englande: Any welthe lawe or custome, hertofore vsed in the saide countrey or dominion of Wales, to the contrary herof not withstandinge. This article to take effect from & after the said feast of the Natyuite of saint Iohn Baptist, whiche was in the said xxxiii. yere of our saide souerayne lordes reigne.

Item if any person or persons, haupyng landes or tenementes within the saide dominion of Wales, bene or here after shalbe bounde within the realme of Englande by obligation, vpon the statute of the staple, or by recognysaunce, and paye not the dette, as shall apperteyne: that then vpon certificate therof made into the kinges Chauncery of Englande, by the Clerke of the staple, or by any Iustice of record, before whom such recognysaunce

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gnisance shalbe knowledged, pces shalbe made to the Shireffes of shires, out of the Chauncery of Englands, after the forme as is used to be made vpon statutes and recognisances, by the couste of the lawes of Englands, for due leuynge and payinge of the sayd dette. 147.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that for such recognisances as be or hereafter shalbe taken and knowledged before the shires Justices of his highnes bench or common place in Englands, pces shalbe had and pursued immediately, out from the sayd Justices, as is used vpon recognisances, taken before the sayd Justices, by the common couste of the lawes of Englands.

Item that all such writtes, billes, plaintes, pces, pces, chalenges, and trauerses, shalbe used throughout all the shires aforesaid, before the sayd Justices in their sessions, as is used in Northwales, or as shall be deuised by the sayd pcesident, counsaile and Justices, or thre of them, where of the sayd pcesident to be one, for the good ministracion of Justice to be had in euery of the sayd shires.

Item where the lordshipp of Hope, with diuers other lordshippes, parishes, towne and hamlettes, were by an acte of Parliament, made in the xxxiii. yere of the reygne of our sayd souerayne lord, appoynted and translated from the sayd countie of Denbigh, to the countie of Flint, and by the same acte were made parte, parcell and members of the same countie of Flint: afoze which appoyntment or translation, diuers indictamentes and presentmentes, as well felonye as other offences, were had and taken for the shires highnes, before the Justice of the said countie of Denbigh, in the great sessions there, some before the Justices of the peare, with in the same countie, for offences supposed to be done within diuers of the sayde lordshippes so translated, and also diuers iudgementes given in suite of parties before the said Justices and some before the Shireffe of the sayde countie of Denbigh, for matters risen and growen within the precincts of the sayde lordshippes, or other places, before the translation of the same. It is now ordeyned and enacted, that all the sayde indictamentes and presentmentes shalbe had, tried and determined within the said countie of Denbigh, by persons, as well of the sayde lordship or place, where the sayde offences were done, or committed, as of other place or places within the sayd countie of Denbigh, in manner & forme as though the sayd translation had never ben had ne made: And also that the sayd iudgementes as before given or had become partie and partie, before any Justice of recorde, or other officer, within the sayde countie of Denbigh, for any matter or cause apperaynng by the recorde of the same, to be growen and risen within any of the sayd lordshippes, parishes, towne or hamlettes, so translated, shall and may be executed by the Shireffe of the sayd countie of Denbigh within any of the same lordshippes, or other place so translated, the sayde translation, or any other cause or matter to the contrarie therof notwithstanding.

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Item lyke lawe and orde to be kept and ministered vpon all other lyke translations of any other lordshippes maners townes parishes and other places within wales, had made or done in this present parliament, or any other afore or after the same translations, or any other cause or matter to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Item where there shall be diuers and many suites taken before the said Justices in ples personall, which (as it is thought) can not be tryed before them, in the tyme of the said great sessions, for breuitie of tyme: Therefore, and for the speede triall of these matters, causes taken in the said suites, shall and may be tryed at a petie sessions before the deputie justices there as it is & hath ben vsed in the said thre shires of Northwales: Except such of the said suites, as by the discretions of the said Justices shalbe thought necessarie to be tryed before them selues, within their lymittes. And that there shall no sute be taken before any of the said Justices by byll, vnder the summe of twenty shyllinges.

Item if any murther or felonie here after be committed or done within wales: that then the partie or parties, to whom any such offence shal hap to be committed, shall in no wise take any ende or agreement with the offenders in that behalfe, nor with any other in his name or behalfe, onles the said partie first make the said president and counsaile, or one of the said Justices, priuie vnto the same, vpon payne of imprisonment, and greuous fyne to be sette and adyuged, at the discretion of the said president, counsaile & iustices, or two of them, wherof the said president to be one: The same payne & penaltie to extende, as well to and agaynst such, as shall labour, moue, or procure, any such ende or agreement made although the same labour, motion, or procurement neuer take effecte, to make any ende or agreement, as agaynst him or them, with whom such ende or agreement shall be made, if the same happen to take effecte.

Item where diuers lordshippes marchers, as well in wales as in the borders of the same, now beyng by acte of parliament auerred to diuers shires of England, be lately comen to the kynges handes, by suppression of houses, by purchase or attayndour: and now be vnder the surueyout of the court of augmentations, or of the kynges generall surueyours, the liberties, fraunchises and customes of all which lordshippes, be lately reuised by acte of parliament made in the xxxii. yere of his most gracious reigne: Nevertheless his maiestie willet & commaundeth, that no other liberties, fraunchises or customes, shall from henceforth be vsed, claymed or exercised within the said lordshippes nor any other lordshippes within wales or the countie of Monmouth, who so ever be layde or owner of the same: but only such libertyes, fraunchises & customes, as be graun & commaunded to the lordes of the same lordshippes, by force & vertue of the said acte of parliament, made for wales: in the said xxxii. yere of his graces reigne, and not altered ne taken awaye by his ordinance: the sayde acte made in the said xxxii. yere, or any other acte graunt lawe or custome to the contrarye therof

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Item that if any person or persons, their annexes, or they whose estate the same person, or persons have, or hath in peaceable possession of any landes or tenementes in Wales, by the space of fyve yeres, without let interruption or lesfull claime: That then the same person or persons shall continue their possession, untill suche tyme as it be lawfully recovered agaynst them, by the order of the kynges lawes, or by Decree of the president and counsaile there.

Item in actions personalles, taken and pursued before the said Justices in Wales by original writte, or bill, if nine of the Jurie be sworne, to trye the issue betwene the partie playntiffe and the defendant, & the residue of the said Jurie make default, or be tried out: then the shiriffes shall and may immediatly retuene other names in the said Jurie, be circumstances unto such tyme there be twelve men sworne, to trye this issue betwene them, as before the Justice of Northwales hath ben afore used and accustomed in such cases.

Item that if any goodes or cattelles be stolen by any person or persons and sold in any faire or market, within the sayd dominion of Wales, that no such sale shall change the propriete therof from the owner of the same: but that he may lesfully cease take and have the same agayne, upon proff therof made, the sayd sale notwithstandinge.

Item that no person or persons bargayne or bye any maner of beast, or other quicke cattell, in any place within Wales, out of the market or faire unless he can bringe forth sufficient and credible witness, of the name of the person, what place, and tyme he bought the same: upon payne and daunger of such punishment and fyne, as shalbe set upon him, by the sayd president and counsaile, or any of the sayd Justices in his circuite, for the sayd offence, and as he wyll therfore answer at his farther peryll.

Item if any goodes or cattelles be stolen within the lymittes of any of the sayd Shires in Wales: that then upon suite therof had and made, the tracte shalbe followed from towneship to towneship, or lordship to lordship according to the lawes & customes in that behalf heretofore used in Wales upon such penaltie and daunger, as heretofore hath ben accustomed.

Item that every person that hath any landes or tenementes in fee simple, or fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, or for terme of any other mannes lyfe being freholde, shall and may passe in all maner Juries and trials, as wel in case of felonye or murther, as in all actions real, personall and mixte, what soever they be, attaint only except: And also may be impanelled, and inquire of all concelementes, forcible entres, and other causes of inquitie for the kynges matresse, all be it he may not dispende fourtye shillings by yere. Savinge to every man his lawfull challenge for any other cause, accordinge to the lawes of this realme of Englande.

Item that no surroure shall passe in Treint, onles he may dispende fourtye shillings by the yere of estate of freholde,

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C Item the tenants and resiauntes in Wales, shall pay theyr tallage at the charge of their lordes, in such places, and after suche sort, as hath ben heretofore accustomed in Wales.

C Item that all the knynges subiectes and resiauntes in Wales, shall send at all parlamentes hereafter to be holden in Englande, knyghtes for the shires, and citezens & burgeses for cyties and townes, to be named & chosen by auctorite of the knynges wyte, under the great seale of Englande, according to the acte in that case provided: and shall be charged and chargeable to all subsidies & other charges, to be graunted, by the commons of any of the sayd parlamentes, & pay all other their rentes, fermes, customes and duties to the knynges hyghnes, as they have ben accustomed here tofore, fines for redempcions of sessions only excepted: which the knynges maiestie of his most gracious goodnes and liberalitie, is contented and pleased to remitte, at the humble suite of his said lowinge subiectes of his said domiton of Wales.

C Item that the towne of Haverford west, shall after the ende of this present parliament for ever, sende one burges, for the sayde towne, at every parliament after that time to be holden: And the charges of the same burges to be alwayes borne, by the mayre, burgeses & inhabitants of the said towne and none other.

C Item that the knynges maiestie shall have all felons goodes, & goodes of persons outlawed, waif, strays, & all other forsaitures & eschetes what soever they be, answered therof by the handes of the shireffes: saving alwayes the ryghtes and interestes of every of his subiectes having lawfull title to have the same.

C Item that all errors & iudgementes, before any of the sayd Justices at any tyme of the great sessions, in ples realles or mixt, shall be redressed by wytte of Errour, to be sued out of the knynges Chauncerye of Englande, returnable before the knynges Justice of his benche in Englande, as other wyttes of errour be in Englad. And that all errors in ples personall, shall be reformed by billes, to be sued before the sayde president and counsaile of Wales, from tyme to tyme, as the partie greued, will sue for the same. And if in case the iudgement be affirmed good, in any of the said wyttes of errour or billes, then there to make execution and all other proces therupon, as is used in the knynges benche in Englande. And that the pursuantes in every such wytte of errour or byll, do pay lyke fees therfore as is used in Englande.

C Item that no execution of any iudgement given or to be given in any base court, be stayed or deferred by reason of any wytte of false iudgement, but that execution shall and may be had and made at all tymes, before the execution of the said iudgement, the pursuante of the said wyte notwithstanding. And in case the said iudgement happen after to be reversed: then the partie pursuant to be restored to all that he hath lost by the said iudgement, according to the lawes of the realme.

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Item that all proces for urgent and weyghy causes, shall be made and directed into Wales, by the speciall commaundement of the Chauncellour of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or any of the kinges counsaile in Englande, as hertofore hath ben vsed: Any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Item that the towne of Betbulep, which is within the parish of Ribbifforde, in the countie of Wigorn, and all the grounde and soile of the same towne, shall from hensforth be vnited, annexed, and made percell of the countie of Wigorn, and to be within the hundred of Dodingtre. And that all the inhabitauntes of the saide towne and parish, shall from hensforth be attendaunt, and do euery thinge and thinges, with the inhabitauntes of the saide hundred, as the same inhabitauntes be now bounde to do, by the lawes of this realme of Englande. Sauinge alwayes to the burges & inhabitauntes of the saide towne of Betbulep, all suche libertties and franchises, as they lawfully had and exercysed within the same towne, before the makinge of this acte, in lyke maner and fourme, as though this acte had neuer ben had or made.

Item that the lordship of Mansliffan, Usterlops, and Langham, and the membes of the same, and all manors, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes in the same lordshippe, and the membes of the same, be frome hensforth vnited annexed ioynd named accepted and taken as parte and parcell of the countie of Carmarthin, and reputed ioynd vnited named accepted and taken as parte and percell of the hundred of Derles in the saide countie of Carmarthin. And that the tenants & inhabitauntes of the saide lordship and membes, be attendant, and do euery thinge and thinges, with the tenants & inhabitauntes of the saide hundred of Derles, as the saide inhabitauntes now be bounde to do accordyng to the lawes there vsed.

Item that the countie of Shire court of the countie of Radnor, shall from hensforth be holden, one tyme at new Radnor, and one other tyme at Wyllen alternis vicibus, and neuer from hensforth to be kepte or holden at Rather Sowp: Any former acte or other thinge to the contrary therof not withstandinge.

Item it is further enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the kinges moost royall maiestie, shall and maye at all times here after, from tyme to tyme chaunge, adde, alter, orde, minishe and resourme, all maner of thinges afoze reherfed, as to his moost excellent wisdom and discretion shall be thoughte conuenient: And also to make lawes and ordinaunces for the common welth and good quiet of his sayde domynyon of Wales, and his subiectes of the same, from tyme to tyme, at his maiesties pleasure: Any thinge conteigned in this acte, or in the saide acte made for the shire ground of Wales, or any other acte or actes, thinge or thinges, to the contrary therof hertofore made in any wyle not withstandinge.

And

And all suche alterations of the premises, or any parte thereof. And that all such lawes and ordinaunces, to be hereafter made, deuised & published by auctoritie of this acte, by the kinges maiestie, in wytyng vnder his highnes great seale, shalbe of as good strength vertue & effecte, as if they had ben had and made by auctoritie of parliament.

Item be it further enacted and ordeined, by auctoritie afoze saide, that where the kinges maiestie that now is, by his letters patentes, bearinge date the .i. day of Maye, in the .xxiiii. yere of his most prosperous reigne, demised and graunted to William webbe, the subsidie and vslage of all wollen clothes, made or to be made in the countie of Monmouth, & in the xii. shires in Wales, that is to saye, in the countie of Brecknok, Radnor, Montgomery, Caermethin, Glainorgan, Pembroke, Cardigan, Anglesey Flint, Denbigh, Caernaruan, and Merionneth, and in all and singular towne and other places, whatsoever they be, within the precincts and limittes of the said counties, and els where within the dominion of Wales: To haue and to holde to the sayd William webbe, & his assignes for certayne yeres yet endurynge, that the saide William webbe, his deputies and assignes, shall haue from henceforth full power and auctoritie by force of this acte, to take for the sealinge of every wollen cloth, hereafter to be made in the said .xii. shires, & els where, within the said dominion of Wales, as hereafter is declared, & none otherwise, that is to say, for every hole peece of frise .i. d. every halfe peece frise .ob. every peece cotton and linyng, beyng .xxiiii. pades & vnder, a halfpenn. And for every peece of the same, beyng aboue .xxiiii. pades, one penn: of every brode clothe, one penn: Of every peece of karsay, beyng .xviii. pades and aboue, one penn: Of every peece of karsay, beyng vnder .xviii. pades, a halfe penn.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, ne nothing therein conteyned, extend not to charge any maner of person or persons, being or that hereafter shall be inhabitant, in any of the said .xii. shires, or els where within the dominion of Wales, for any clothes, frises, karsais, or linynges, made or hereafter to be made and occupied within their houses, and not put to sale to any person or persons, but to their seruantes for their wearinge.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie afoze saide, that the saide Iulnager in Wales, by himselfe, or by his sufficient deputie or deputies shall in all thinges to his office apperteyninge, do and be bounde to do, and answer in every case, like and accordyng as all and every other Iulnager in the realme of England do, or ought to do, accordyng to the lawes & statutes of the realme of England. And for the contrary doynge or exercysynge of the said office, shall in every case and degre suffre, as by the saide lawes and statutes is ordeyned, established or enacted for Iulnagers vnder the lord Tresourer of Englande for the time beyng.

And furthermoze the kynges maiestie is contented & pleased, not withstandinge the statute made in the .xxviii. yere of his most gracious reigne: that where there shulde be but .xii. shires in Wales, that the towne of Harford

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Haverford west, shalbe a countie in it selfe, as it hath ben befoze this tyme used, at the will and pleasure of the kinges said maiestie: and that it shalbe separated from the countie of Pembroke, at the kynges sayde pleasure. And that the kynges high Justice of the sayd countie of Pembroke, shall be hygh Justice of the said countie and towne of Haverford west, and shal have like power and auctorite, to and for the ministracion of Justice, with in the sayd countie and towne of Haverford west, as is lymitted and appointed to the sayd Justice to and for the administracion of Justice in the sayde countie of Pembroke. And that the Mayre, Shireffe, bayliffes, and burgesles of the sayd countie and towne of Haverford west, from tyme to tyme, shalbe as well attendaunt, & obeye all preceptes & commaundementes of the president & counsaile of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge in his marches of Wales, as also shalbe attendaunt to all preceptes & proces awarded or directed, by the sayd hygh Justice, vnto the Shireffe of the said countie and towne of Haverford west: and to make returne therof. And the sayd Shireffe of the sayde countie and towne, shall serue all preceptes and proces, directed from the sayd hygh Justice, in like maner & forme, as the Shireffe of the said countie of Pembroke is bound to do, and accordyng to the effecte and purpox of the kynges ordinaunces, in that behalf had made and provided. And that it shalbe lefull vnto the sayd maire, Shireffe, Bayliffes, and burgesles of the sayd countie and towne of Haverford west afoze sayd, to vse and exercise all lefull liberties and grauntes, by the kinges maiestie, or his noble progenitours, to them graunted and confirmed, at the kynges maiesties will and pleasure, accordyng to the lawes of the realme of England, & not other wise. And that the iudicial seale of the said Shires of Pembroke, Carmarthen, & Cardigan, be in the custodie & keeping of the kynges hygh Justice there for the tyme beinge, shalbe vled in the said countie and towne of Haverford west, as the originall and iudiciall seale the same towne and countie. And that the said Justice of the said Shires, of Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan, shall have like power and auctoritie, by vertue of the kynges letters to him made, as well to do all and euery thyng and thinges, concernynge common iustice to be ministred within the said towne & countie of Haverford west, as he hath in his saide letters patentes, within any of the sayde shpyres, of Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan.

PROVIDED alwaye, that this article, touching and concerning the countie and towne of Haverford west, and all thinges therein conteyned, shall stande and endure, but onely at the kynges maiesties will and pleasure, and none other wyse.

PROVIDED alwaye that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial nor hurtful to any person or persons, or bodies politike, for or concerning any lades, tenementes, rentes, seruices, bondmen, tolles or other hereditamentes, but that they & euery of them, their heyres, successours and assignes, & the heyres, successours and assignes of euery of

of them, shall haue, holde, and enioye their landes tenementes, tenures, seruyces, boundmen and other their hereditamentes, in such like manner, forme and condicion as they had the same befoze the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

PROVIDED also that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shalbe hurtfull or prejudiciall to any person or persons, for or concernynge any office or offices, whiche they or any of them haue by vertue of any the kynges letters patentes, beyng now in force befoze the makynge of this acte, nor to the fees of money, vsed and accustomed to be payd for the exercise of any such offices: but that every person or persons, hauynge such offices and fees, and their substitutes and deputies, shall and maye haue and exercise their saide offices, as is lymitied by this acte, and as they inoughte haue done befoze the makynge of this acte. And shall also haue and perceyue all suche fees, for the exercise of the sayde offices, in as large and ample manner, forme and condicion, as they might afoze the makynge of this acte, and as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made.

PROVIDED alwayes, that all landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, within the sayde dominion of Wales, shall descende to the heyres, accordynge to the course of the common lawes of the realme of England, accordynge to the tenour and effecte of this acte, and not to be vsed as Gauekynde: any thyng conteyned in these provisions or any of them to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes, that this acte, ne any clause, article, or thyng therein conteyned, be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to George Blunte esquier, sonne and heyre of syr John Blunte knight deceased, for or concernynge the offices of stewardshippes of the kynges lordships or manours of Bewdley and Clebury, or any other office or offices hertofore graunted vnto the sayde George Blunte, by the kynges letters patentes, sealed vnder the great scale of England, for terme of lyfe of the same George, or for or concernynge any fees, wages, rewardes, annuities, profittes, commodities, aduantages or emolumentes, apperteyning or belonginge vnto the sayd offices or any of them: but that the sayd George, his deputie and deputies, shall and may at all tyme and tymes, durynge the lyfe of the same George, haue, hold, exercise, and enioy the same offices and every of them, and also perceyue, leuie, and take the fees, wages, rewardes, and all other profittes and commodities, to the same offices and every of them, or to any of them belongynge: or in any wise apperteyning, in as large and ample manner, forme, and condicion, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as though this acte had neuer ben had or made: any thyng befoze in this acte conteyned to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes that all libertyes, franchises and priuileges of the duchy of Lancastre, or in any wise apperteyning to the same, shalbe of the same force plynge qualitie, goodnes and condicion, and maye be vsed in as large and ample manner, as they were befoze the makynge of this acte,

